

NAZIS THROWN BACK ON TWO SIDES OF SALIENT YANKS REGAINING INITIATIVE AT SOME POINTS BASTOGNE FORCE FIGHTS ON, A WAITING RELIEF

ALLIED SERVICE OF INTELLIGENCE BADLY INFORMED ON NAZIS' POWER

Failed to Detect Enemy
Buildup, Thought Foe
Lacked Reserves and
Fuel, That Luftwaffe
Was Dead.

By WES GALLAGHER

WITH U. S. FORCES IN BEL-
GIUM, Dec. 24 (Delayed) (AP).
—An error in the Allied intelligence service must share a large part of the blame for Field Marshal Karl Rudolf Gerd von Rundstedt's break-through on the Western Front.

It is now apparent that the Allied high command intelligence not only failed to detect the buildup by von Rundstedt on the weak spot on the front, but also not for the first time in this war—underestimated German military strength and ability.

Up to the day of the breakthrough the official opinion as given out to correspondents was:

1. That the Ardennes Forest was not an advantageous spot in which to launch a winter offensive and it was being used as a sort of "rest sector" by both the Germans and Americans.

2. That von Rundstedt had practically no strategic reserve troops to use in a big offensive.

3. That the morale of the German soldier was extremely low.

4. That the main German high command aim was to fight a defensive action before the Ruhr Valley.

5. That the German air force virtually was non-existent.

6. That the Germans' shortage of gasoline and war materials precluded any large-scale effort.

Yet von Rundstedt has been able to throw elements of many divisions into this battle while holding the rest of the Western Front and is still known to have a powerful punch left.

There may be some shortage of gasoline, but it is not yet apparent.

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SECOND PARLEY BREAKS UP WITHOUT GREEK AGREEMENT

Royalist Group Rejects E. A. M. Terms—
British to Renew Air Action as
Truce Is Broken.

ATHENS, Dec. 27 (AP).—Greek Populist party members declared today that peace proposals by representatives of the left-wing E. A. M. (national liberation front) were unacceptable and the conference called by Prime Minister Churchill ended its second meeting without an agreement. The Populists are a conservative, Royalist group.

The E. A. M. offered terms which former Premier Stylianos Gonatas said "are inadmissible." He declared that "if accepted, they would mean complete dissolution of the state."

Other members of the conference said they would consider the terms and reply later.

The main terms proposed by the E. A. M. were:

1—Agreement to a regency so long as no objections are raised by others.

2—Formation of a new cabinet with a president enjoying the confidence of all parties.

3—The new government's program to be the existing one, which the E. A. M. charged Premier George Papandreu failed to carry out.

4—Punishment of collaborators.

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ONE VEHICLE GETS THROUGH TO MEN IN TRAP; PLANES SUPPLYING FORCE

Tons of Ammunition and
Food Dropped—Brus-
sels Radio Says Rescue
Columns Have Reached
Encircled Americans.

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP).—The

Brussels radio said tonight that relief columns had reached the American garrison at Bastogne, which has been cut off for more than a week.

Earlier a dispatch from the United States First Army headquarters reported that a single United States Army vehicle had broken through the German ring around the Belgian city.

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP).—Hun-

dreds of tons of supplies—mainly ammunition—were parachuted today to American troops cut off by the German drive in the Bastogne area of Belgium.

Twin-engine C-47 sky trains flew from Britain and France with cargoes for the doughboys who have withstood repeated Nazi tank attacks while waiting for relief columns.

A C-47 piloted by Lt. Col. Joel L. Crouch, Riverside, Cal., sneaked under the German lines at dawn and dropped a parachute troop pathfinder unit to guide other cargo planes to the scene.

They landed safely and an hour later troop carrier planes began dropping bundles of ammunition, food and medicine to the surrounded Americans.

Crouch, who flew the first parachute spearhead on every Allied landing in the war against Hitler, said German planes did not molest his craft, but that he encountered heavy ground fire from German troops.

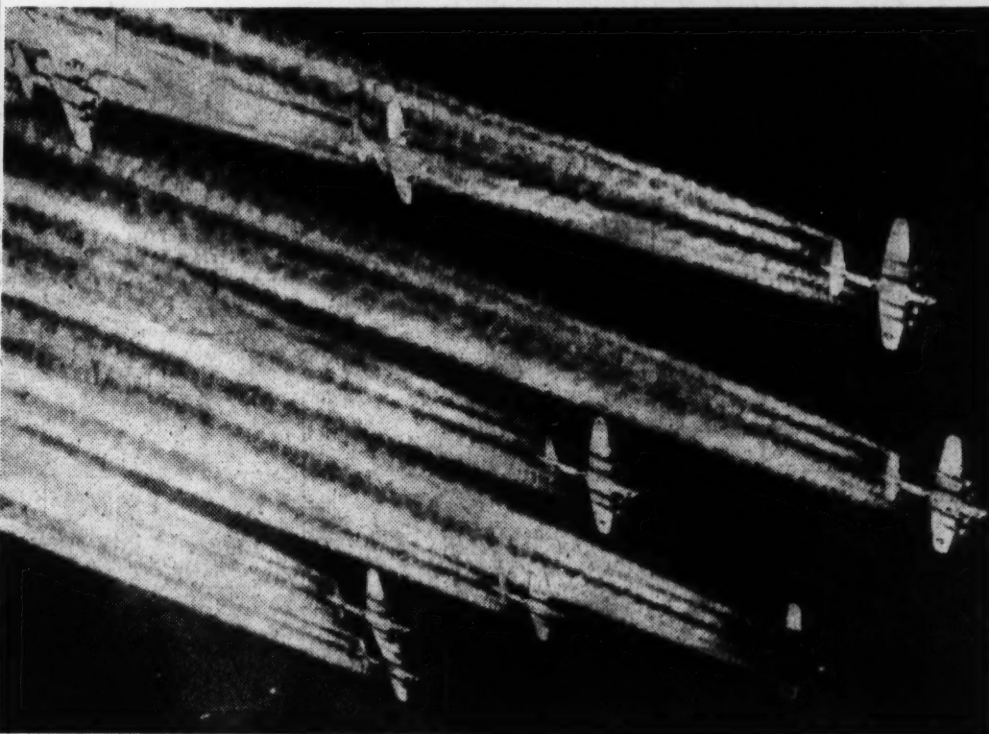
"I noticed three or four tanks burning in the area and saw one huge tank—probably German—about 400 yards from the point where our paratroopers were dropped," he said.

The entire area was covered with shell holes. There was an enemy armored column resting alongside the road which would have been duck soup for our fighters if they had not been there.

The C-47, unarmed and un-

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'Forts' on Way to Hit Reich Rail Yards



Vapor trails mark the path of a flight of American Eighth Air Force Flying Fortresses, viewed from below during a mission against railway marshalling yards at Koblenz, Cologne and other points in Germany through which supplies move to Wehrmacht in the West Front counteroffensive. The photo was taken Dec. 18.

AMERICANS DRIVE DEEP WEDGE INTO BELGIUM BULGE, BLUNT ITS TIPS

Enemy Feeling Effects of
5 Days of Allied Air
Attacks—Some Panzer
Vehicles Run Out of
Fuel.

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS, Dec. 27 (AP).—United States troops and tanks have driven a deep salient into German lines in one sector within the last 24 hours, dealing the German offensive its first serious setback, a front dispatch declared today.

The location of this American thrust and details could not be given in the dispatch, sent at 2 p. m. (8 a. m. St. Louis war time) from the Stavet area of Belgium.

It followed supreme headquarters' announcement that Americans on Christmas day had turned back German armored columns which thrust within four miles of the Meuse River in their deepest penetration into Belgium.

All along the northern rim of the German drive, said Associated Press Correspondent Wes Gallagher in a dispatch from the Stavet sector, "there are indications the Germans are on the defense for the moment with infantry replacing tanks."

"Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt apparently still is trying to turn the American line to the west, but from here (Stavet) east huge losses have convinced him the line is firmly held," it said.

"Von Rundstedt has lost the initiative in his great all-out gamble to smash through the American front," Associated Press Correspondent Roger Greene declared in a front dispatch.

Associated Press Correspondent Kenneth Dixon said from the front that the Allied position appeared to be the most cheering since the Germans began their drive.

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V-E DAY PUT OFF 3 TO 6 MONTHS, WASHINGTON VIEW

Hope Waning That Drive
May Be Turned Into
Decisive Setback for
German Army.

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP).—Military strategists are now tentatively adding three to six months to their estimate of a date for victory in Europe.

There is still hope in high places that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will be able to turn the Allied reverse on the Western front into an early and decisive victory, but at the moment it is a waning hope, although the battle is still fluid.

Along with this sober estimate of the fighting has come a conviction that at least part of the German success was due to over-optimism throughout the Allied high command.

At first, Allied generals thought the European war would be won last fall; later they set the date at the year's end, then moved it forward to spring. Now they talk of next fall or winter.

Will Delay Pacific War.
If it actually takes until late next year to defeat the Germans, Continued on Page 8, Column 2.

REDS SPLIT GERMAN FORCE AT BUDAPEST, FIGHT IN CITY

RED ARMY PAPER SAYS
EISENHOWER IS GETTING
SET TO CUT OFF NAZIS

MOSCOW, Dec. 27 (AP).—The Russian army newspaper Red Star declared today "Gen. Eisenhower's successes against the German offensive have compelled the enemy to lower their voices."

"Allied troops are creating conditions for isolating the German group from the main base," the article continued. "It is surprising there are some foreign press observers who have compared the German breakthrough on a relatively narrow front with the German offensive in the west in 1940."

"Reports indicate a slackening of German operations. The raid by 3000 American planes on enemy communications in Western Germany should be noted."

URGENT CALL FOR MACHINE
TOOLS FOR NEW WAR PLANTS

Commerce Secretary Asks That All
Available Be Diverted to
Critical Programs.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP).—Commerce Secretary Jones today sent out an S. O. S. for more machine tools to meet the "urgent demand" created by the need for more ammunition and other war supplies.

In a telegram to all companies operating Defense Plant Corporation facilities he asked for an immediate inventory to assure that every suitable machine tool which can be made available be diverted immediately to the critical programs.

WPA Chairman J. A. Krug said all usable tools would be shipped into the 200 million dollars worth of new factories being built to produce heavy artillery ammunition, mortars and mortar ammunition, aircraft engines and heavy duty tires. The survey will not be extended to private plants, Krug said, because private management normally disposes of surplus machine tools as soon as they no longer are needed.

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NEAR-RIOT OVER POINT-FREE
FOOD IN TWO OREGON STORES

Portland Grocers Delay Putting
New Restrictions in Effect
Until Official OPA Order Arrives.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27 (AP).—Buyers swamped Portland stores last night after learning that grocers were still selling point-free goods and accepting expired stamps because they had not received an official OPA order. Police were called to two stores to quell a near-riot.

OPA officials, after issuing a formal order, began a check today to see that OPA rules are being enforced.

SOLDIER IN BURMA WEDS
CLEVELAND GIRL BY MAIL

MYITKYINA, Burma, Dec. 27 (AP).—There was a wedding party here Christmas day and beer was distributed to all—but the bride was not present.

Sgt. Robert Sternad of the Signal Corps, Cleveland, O., was married by mail and received his marriage certificate in a letter as a Christmas present which arrived Dec. 23.

The bride is Dorothy Marek, Cleveland. The marriage by mail took two months of correspondence.

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Today's War News

PARIS—Deep salient driven into German bulge in Belgium by Americans, front dispatch says, calling it first serious reverse for von Rundstedt's offensive; other dispatches say Americans are beginning to take initiative elsewhere, are holding firm on flanks of German breakthrough and have slowed if not stopped enemy push to west; Allied planes hammer Germans for fifth straight day and as result some enemy vehicles are found to be out of fuel.

MOSCOW—Red troops thrusting into western part of encircled Budapest where "large" numbers of Germans are trapped, but are still putting up fierce resistance; Russian tanks slash toward two bridges linking sections of city; Soviet troops driving along the Iron River capture 13 towns in Southern Czechoslovakia in drive toward Bratislava and Vienna.

LONDON—Britain-based heavy bombers attack rail and bridge targets behind German front and enemy troops and armor concentrations; continent-based fighter-bombers hammer again at German columns in Belgium; reconnaissance photos show main rail artery from Berlin to west cut by bombings.

WASHINGTON—Superfortresses make fifth attack on Tokyo; Japanese say raid was carried out by 50 planes; Navy reports American submarines have sunk large Japanese carrier, six other warships and 20 transport and supply craft.

ROME—Strong German counter-attack forces Fifth Army troops in Italy to withdraw from positions along west coast; Brazilian troops last reported operating in that sector; Eighth Army fronts generally quiet.

CAMP "X" CALLING HOME
From Army camps all over the country, long distance telephone calls flood the wires every evening between 7 and 10 p. m. Those calls from men in uniform, going home by telephone. Will you help to clear the wires for them, between 7 and 10 p. m. 7 They'll thank you, too. (Adv.)

Fair Tomorrow

THE TEMPERATURES	
3 a. m.	22
6 a. m.	20
9 a. m.	23
12 noon	24
3 p. m.	25
6 p. m.	24
9 p. m.	23
Normal maximum this date, 40; normal minimum, 20.	
Yesterday's high, 20, at 5 p. m.; low, 6, at 9 a. m.	
Weather in other cities—Page 7A.	

Official forecast for St. Louis and vicinity: Light freezing rain tonight followed by fair weather tomorrow; little change in temperatures, lowest about 22 degrees tomorrow morning, highest about 34 degrees tomorrow afternoon.

Missouri: Clearing in northwest portion; light freezing rain in east and south portion this afternoon and in southeast, east and east central portions tonight; colder tonight and tomorrow; lowest between 5 and 15 degrees in north portion and 18 to 22 in south portion tomorrow.

Illinois: Light snow in north portion and freezing drizzle in south portion ending early tonight, becoming cloudy tomorrow; no important change in temperatures.

Sunset, 5:45; sunrise (tomorrow), 8:20.

Stage of the Mississippi at St. Louis, 0.4 feet, a fall of 0.8; the Missouri at St. Charles, 10.6 feet, a fall of 0.2.

(All weather data, including forecast and temperatures, supplied by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

TRENCH FOOT SCOURGE CUT 75 PCT. AMONG U. S. TROOPS

Disease Once Affected 9.2 out of
Every 1000 Americans on
Western Front.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP).—The Army yesterday reported a Western Front victory over trench foot—a disease that can knock a soldier out of combat as effectively as a bullet.

At one time, the disease reached 9.2 men out of every 1000 on the Western Front. This has been cut 75 per cent.

The Army enforced precautionary measures, taught treatment, increased supplies of footwear and alerted soldiers to the danger in combating the disease, which results from prolonged exposure of the feet to cold and moisture. Average hospitalization period is 60 days.

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300,000 Wild Ducks Eat Unpicked
Iowa Corn; Farmers Get Shells

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 27 (AP).—The State Conservation Commission, with WPA approval, today sent 2500 shotgun shells to the Fort Madison (Ia.) area for use in killing about 300,000 wild ducks which have concentrated along the Mississippi River and are eating between \$500 and \$1000 worth of unpicked corn a day. Since the Iowa duck season closed Dec. 8, farmers are receiving special hunting permits.

The duck hunting season in Cen-

CRUST OF SLEET AND FROZEN RAIN SLOWS UP TRAFFIC

Street Cars, Busses Off
Schedule, Hundreds
Late for Work—Many
Accidents.

Traffic in St. Louis was slowed to a cautious pace today by sleet and freezing rain which blanketed streets and highways with a crust of ice and caused hundreds of St. Louisans to be late for work.

Street cars and busses ran from 5 to 15 minutes behind schedule, the St. Louis Public Service Co. said, and interstate and intrastate busses, on which some St. Louis workers commute to their places of employment, were running as much as two hours late.

Officials at Lambert-St. Louis Field reported that all flights had been canceled because of icing conditions.

Meteorologist Harry P. Wahlgren said a light freezing rain would continue tonight and be followed tomorrow by fair weather. Little change in temperatures was forecast for St. Louis for tomorrow.

City Spreads Cinders.
Street departments in the city and surrounding communities were busy spreading cinders and salt at icy intersections. In the city the Streets and Sewers Department put 100 trucks and 400 men to work.

Police closed the Express Highway at 9 a. m., and police stations throughout the city and county received numerous reports to minor traffic accidents, caused by skidding automobiles and busses.

Traffic on the east approach to Eads Bridge and on both approaches of MacArthur Bridge was halted for about 15 minutes this morning. Bridge attendants reported heavy trucks and busses had been unable to get traction enough to make the slight grades.

Highways Dangerous.
The Automobile Club of Missouri announced that road conditions throughout the state were "dangerous to automobile travel."

The only accident reported in which the victims required hospitalization occurred at 1:05 a. m. today when two automobiles collided head-on on Gravois road near Grant's Farm.

Those taken to St. Louis County Hospital were Eugene Winkler, Kerth road, Lemay, who suffered head injuries; his sister, Miss Virginia Winkler, and the Misses Florence, Mary and Adeline.

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EIGHT 'FRENCH GESTAPO' EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUAD

Henri Chamberlain and Pierre
Bony Among Those Put to
Death for Aiding Nazis.

PARIS, Dec. 27 (AP).—A military firing squad today executed Henri Chamberlain, alias La Font, Pierre Bony and six other members of Vichy's "French Gestapo" who were convicted of collusion with the Germans against French patriots during the occupation of France.

Of 12 members of the Vichy police who have been brought to trial two were given life imprisonment sentences, one died before a verdict was reached and another's death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment by Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

The eight condemned men were shot at Fort Montrouge, on the southern outskirts of Paris.

ARMY CENSOR PLAYS SANTA

Encloses Dollar for Gift in Soldier's Letter to Girl.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27 (AP).—An Army censor played Santa Claus to Sherry Betchen, who received a letter from Pvt. Frederick Lake, explaining that departure for overseas service wrecked his Christmas shopping plans.

The censor penned this postscript: "For Heaven's sake, write to him—and buy yourself a present from Freddie with this dollar."

BOMBERS CUT MAIN RAIL LINE FROM BERLIN TO WEST FRONT

1000 U. S. PLANES BLAST TRAFFIC CENTERS SERVING GERMAN FORCES

Lines in Coblenz, Kassel Areas Pounded—Other Allied Flyers Hammer Troop, Tank Concentrations.

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP).—One thousand United States Eighth Air Force planes from British bases raided secondary rail traffic centers in Western Germany today, after photo reconnaissance officers reported the principal rail artery from Berlin to the west had been knocked out of commission.

Six hundred heavy bombers, escorted by 400 Thunderbolts and Mustangs, lashed at six railroad yards and one important junction. Favorable weather permitted Allied planes based on the continent to join the attack on Field Marshal von Rundstedt's counteroffensive.

The Thunderbolts and Mustangs downed at least 25 Nazi fighters in a furious battle with enemy planes southwest of Bonn.

Targets included the traffic-laden yards at Euskirchen and Andernach, northwest of Coblenz; Homburg, southwest of Kassel; and Fulda, 60 miles south of Kassel, as well as a rail junction 40 miles west of Coblenz.

Targets on Alternate Route.

A staff officer at headquarters of the United States Strategic Air Forces in Europe said all the targets were on the alternate route which the Germans began using in the last week.

"The main rail route from Berlin to the Western front was by way of Hannover to Hamm, Munster and Osnabruck," he said. "The American air force and the R. A. F. concentrated the attack on this network and photo reconnaissance on Christmas day showed all three of the yards empty."

Pictures taken on Christmas day showed the yards along the southern route through Kassel crammed with a backlog of traffic, the officer said.

Nazi Report Rold from South. The German radio reported formations of heavy bombers heading north over Austria, indicating that Flying Fortresses and Liberators of the United States Fifteenth Air Force were striking from Italy at Nazi industrial plants far behind the battle lines. Approximately 500 heavy bombers of the Fifteenth Air Force attacked three German synthetic oil refineries yesterday.

British heavy bombers attacked German troops and tank concentrations in and near St. Vith for the second day.

Much of the front line assault yesterday was borne by the United States Ninth Air Force and the British Second Tactical Air Force, both based on the continent.

American fighters and bombers flew 1400 sorties and the Royal Air Force 700. They destroyed more than 1000 German vehicles, including 148 armored cars and tanks, and 71 Nazi planes. Allied losses were set at 30 fighters and one bomber.

Since Saturday, when clearing weather permitted Allied fighters and bombers to lend their powerful aid to ground troops, 475 Nazi planes have been destroyed. Allied losses were 260 planes.

DEMONSTRATION AT WARD'S IN DETROIT; GOODS DESTROYED

DETROIT, Dec. 27 (AP).—A group of about 50 men who entered the Montgomery Ward & Co. department store in suburban Dearborn, were reported this morning to have upset several counters and destroyed some merchandise in a 10-minute demonstration. Two men were arrested.

R. L. Estabrook, store manager, said damage would amount to several thousand dollars.

UAW-CIO unions have been supporting the strike at four Montgomery Ward stores in the Detroit area by members of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees (CIO) Union. These unionists struck Dec. 9 in an attempt to force the Ward management to comply with War Labor Board directives.

Action by the Government to seize Montgomery Ward property for non-compliance with WLB orders has been expected since last week.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 27 (AP).—Workers streamed through picket lines at the Montgomery Ward & Co. retail order plant today, where a CIO union had called a strike. Union officers said "hundreds" remained away; the company said 82 per cent, or 1300 workers reported.

PATCH COMMENDS 3 DIVISIONS WITH THE SEVENTH ARMY, Dec. 27 (AP).—Seventh Army divisions which took part in the breakthrough of the Germans' Vosges winter line were commended for "outstanding achievement" by Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch. The divisions are the Third, Forty-fifth and Thirty-sixth.

Nazis Thrown Back at Two Points

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drive, with both flanks of the German breakthrough solidified and the tips of the enemy armored thrusts to the west heavily battered.

An earlier field dispatch said the doughboys were slowly regaining the initiative on both flanks of the German breakthrough area.

Correspondent Hal Boyle reported that German tanks and self-propelled guns in some sectors were running out of gasoline because of Allied air attacks on enemy supply columns and communications.

The German air force, he wrote, has been compelled to abandon strafing and bombing of Allied ground forces, in order to oppose Allied heavy bomber fleets attacking German rear bases, railways and bridges.

Allied planes of all types were out in force again today.

The Berlin radio said the fighting in Belgium was "becoming more and more a battle of attrition" and that "Allied counterattacks already are more methodical."

These assaults, the broadcast said, are "clearly directed at exerting pressure on the German wedge from both sides and make it collapse."

It remains to be seen whether the very bitter fighting is approaching a quick climax, or gliding into an intermediate phase.

Allied officers in the field estimated that more than 2000 German spies in American uniforms were being used in the German drive, either infiltrating or being dropped behind United States lines.

A German-manned American Sherman tank and two tank destroyers slipped into a United States column on a road late yesterday, shooting it up and escaping.

Damage was heavy for the side of the operation.

Incomplete reports from two sections of the break-through area listed destruction of more than 250 Nazi tanks and self-propelled guns since the offensive started.

Bastogne Relief Drive.

The latest official news from the Bastogne area, where several thousand encircled American soldiers were holding out for the eighth day, was that the American relief column approaching the beleaguered city from the south was still four and a half miles away.

A single American Army vehicle broke through the German ring and reached the besieged garrison, a dispatch from First Army headquarters today said.

(The British radio reported the relief force was only a mile and a quarter from the city.)

Several hundred tons of food were parachuted to the Americans in the city today.

Von Rundstedt kept Bastogne under incessant day and night attack, hurling in tanks which the defenders methodically knocked out.

Few Changes in 24 Hours.

Supreme headquarters said Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt had been held virtually without gains in the 24 hours up to Tuesday morning.

Von Rundstedt's advance tank units had spearheaded into Celles, only four miles from the Meuse and eight from the French frontier, and into Ciney farther northeast, 14 miles below Namur. At Celles, his men were only 50 miles from Brussels, and had penetrated 57 miles from the take-off positions.

By Tuesday morning, Celles was firmly back in American hands.

Fighting continued in this sector near the Meuse, supreme headquarters said, but there were indications the main German weight was being shifted to the northwest—toward the Antwerp supply line.

20 German Divisions.

More than 20 German divisions, including 10 armored or armored-infantry units, were reported to have been thrown into the winter counteroffensive.

The German high command reported that a major tank battle broke out Tuesday north of La Roche, in Belgium between Marche and Stavelot, and asserted that 70 American tanks were knocked out.

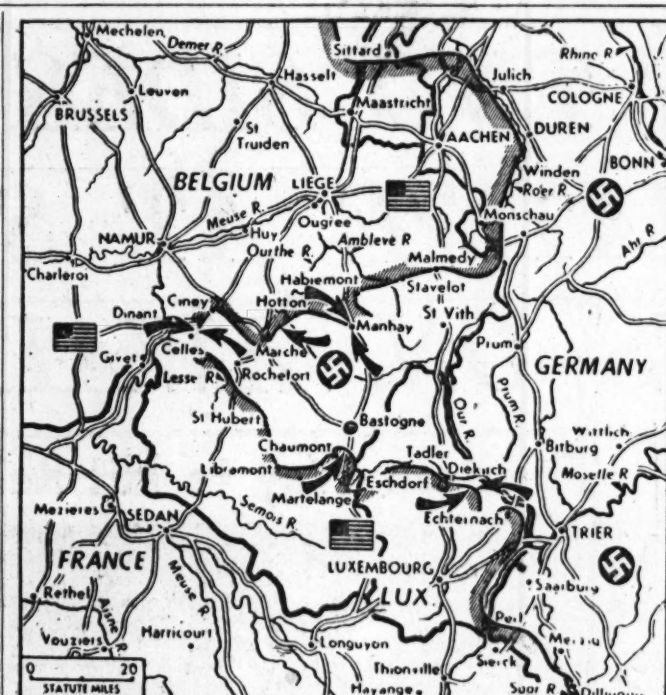
"The large scale battle in southeastern Belgium and central Luxembourg is increasing in violence," said the broadcast German communiqué. It added that on all sectors 158 Allied tanks were shot up or captured yesterday.

Nazi Push North Slowed.

A staff officer told Dixon that all German progress northward from the deepest point of the penetration had been "greatly slowed if not fully stopped."

Dixon said it was apparent to him yesterday, after circling the rim of the German penetration in Belgium, that both American and German thrusts in recent days have been comparatively costly and unsuccessful.

"The doughboy defenders obviously felt the situation there was much better, despite continued bitter, localized battles," he wrote.



American forces, which have repulsed Nazi armored thrusts to Celles and Ciney, near the Meuse, were reported today to be slowly regaining the initiative on both flanks of the German offensive thrust and one field dispatch, from the Stavelot area, said the Yanks had driven a deep salient into Nazi lines in an unidentified sector. An American force encircled at Bastogne still held out, receiving supplies by air, as a relief drive to the area met stiff resistance. Shaded line approximates battlefront.

A strong force of escorted British bombers struck at the St. Vith area yesterday. One pilot said the town was left "burning from end to end with the streets just great sheets of flame." Again today British heavy bombers hammered German concentrations near St. Vith.

Wes Gallagher wrote that Allied air power had been the main thrust in the side of Von Rundstedt during his offensive and it was probable that the German commander was waiting for more bad weather before putting forth a new blow.

The German patrols were active on the Holland front again yesterday. Below Duren, Americans cleared the town of Winden.

Doughboys cleaned up an enemy pocket near La Gleize in the Stavelot area, taking 150 prisoners and seizing 38 tanks, 70 half-track vehicles, eight armored cars and six self-propelled guns, the Allied communiqué said.

On the Seventh Army front, slight gains were made in forested areas west of Wissembourg, and in the high southern Vosges an enemy raid on Thann was repulsed.

2142 OF 6020 MEAT SHOPS IN NEW YORK NOW CLOSED

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP).—About 2000 butcher shops closed today, third day of the meat holiday called by butchers dissatisfied with present Office of Price Administration regulations. A police count of 2088 retail meat stores listed 2142 shops shuttered. Yesterday 2135 out of 6020 stores checked were closed.

Meanwhile, several efforts were made to alleviate the situation. They included:

An OPA report from Washington that John J. Madigan, assistant director of food prices, was expected to announce ceiling schedules for livestock in Chicago today.

Mayor W. H. LaGuardia announced in a broadcast last night that a "Federal decision" was expected before Jan. 2 on the conditions which brought about the meat crisis here.

Representative Emanuel Celler (Dem., N.Y.), announced he would ask the new Congress to have a price ceiling on live cattle.

NAVY ANNOUNCES LOSS OF LSM AND THE DESTROYER COOPER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP).—The Navy announced today the loss of the LSM (landing ship, medium) 20 as a result of enemy action and identified as the 2200-ton destroyer Cooper the vessel recently lost in the same Philippine waters in a night action.

The loss of the destroyer, not identified by name at the time, was announced by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Dec. 5.

Commanding officers of both vessels survived, the Navy said. No estimate was given of the number of casualties. The normal complement of the Cooper was estimated at 275 and of the LSM 20, four officers and 48 enlisted men.

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B-29S HIT TOKYO; WARSHIPS, PLANES BOMBARD IWO

Flyers Report Good Visibility in Blow at Capital During Noon Rush Period.

UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 27 (AP).—American warships and planes bombarded Iwo in the Volcano Islands Dec. 26 in the third joint air-navy attack on that enemy base. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported today.

Nimitz announced that two United States vessels suffered slight damage from the return fire of enemy coastal guns.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP).—Tokyo industrial areas were bombed today for the fifth time by Saipan-based Superfortresses.

No details were given in the War Department announcement made here, but a dispatch from Saipan said the attack was carried out by a "sizeable" force of B-29s which struck during the noon rush and that early elements over the target reported good visibility and good bombing.

The Tokyo radio said Japanese War Minister Gen. Sugiyama interrupted his war report to the Diet to make a statement on the B-29 raid then in progress over the city.

The broadcast quoted Sugiyama as saying: "Approximately 50 of the B-29s have penetrated the skies over the Tokyo-Yokohama area up to the present time. They have dropped explosives and incendiaries on several points in the Tokyo-Yokohama area."

A Japanese communiqué asserted nine Superfortresses were definitely shot down, five probably downed and 27 others damaged.

Meanwhile Brig. Gen. Haywood Hansell Jr., commander of the Twenty-first Bomber Command, disclosed in a statement issued by Saipan that the Marianas-based Superfortresses had dropped 1500 tons of bombs on the main Japanese island of Honshu since Nov. 24, and in a 30-day period had completely knocked out the enemy's largest twin-engine bomber plant, crippled a second aircraft factory, damaged Tokyo's crowded waterfront and blasted Nagoya's shipyards and power plant. The figures do not include today's attack.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP).—The War Labor Board, in an unusual step, yesterday set up machinery to facilitate wage increases at certain foundries and forge shops vital to the war effort. The aim is to attract workers to such establishments.

The board adopted a resolution providing that wage cases of these shops be placed on a blue ribbon or blanket certification list prepared by the War Production Board and War Manpower Commission. Such cases will be handled as "rare and unusual" ones.

The board will approve or grant average wage increases up to 10 cents above the established applicable rate in voluntary or dispute cases, unless there are reasons which make that action inappropriate. The program, officials explained, is designed to cover establishments which are lagging in their work because of man power shortages which the War Manpower Commission has been unable to overcome by other means.

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LARGE JAP CARRIER SUNK BY AMERICAN SUBMARINE

Six Other Warships, 20 Supply Craft Also Sent Down by U. S. Submersibles in Pacific Waters.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP).—Destruction of a large Japanese aircraft carrier, six additional enemy warships and 20 other vessels by American submarines was reported by the Navy today.

The aircraft carrier was not identified beyond the statement that it was "large." The other warships sunk included: One converted light cruiser, a destroyer, two escort vessels and two destroyer transports. Other ships reported to the bottom by American torpedoes and deck guns were two large transports, 10 medium cargo vessels, three small cargo vessels, one small transport, two medium cargo transports, and two medium tankers.

These sinkings bring to 1090 the number of Japanese ships sunk, probably sunk or damaged since the war started. Included are 59 warships definitely sunk, 11 probably sunk and 16 damaged.

The communiqué was issued at a press conference by Secretary of the Navy Forrestal, who said the sinkings of Japanese vessels of all types now represent more than 3,500,000 tons of enemy shipping destroyed by American submarines alone.

He said that it is with "true regret that we are unable to tell" the full story of submarine activities because of the need for keeping information from the enemy. Speaking specifically of the destruction of the large aircraft carrier, he declared: "This is hitting one of the most painful spots in the Japanese body at the moment."

PARIS AND LUBLIN EXCHANGE REPRESENTATIVES, REDS SAY

MOSCOW, Dec. 27 (AP).—The official Russian news agency, Tass, announced today that Gen. Charles de Gaulle's French Government had exchanged representatives with the five-month-old Polish council at Lublin, which is expected shortly to declare itself the provisional government of Poland.

The announcement said De Gaulle's emissary, Christian Fouché, already had arrived in Lublin and that the Lublin committee now is represented in Paris by Stefan Jedrychowski, its Polish Moscovite representative.

Polish sources in Moscow say Czechoslovakia is expected to follow France's example in exchanging representatives with Lublin.

New Synthetic Rubber Formula.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP).—The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. reported yesterday that it had worked out a method of using a new compounding ingredient which makes synthetic rubber usable in a variety of products formerly restricted to natural rubber.

Dewey to Speak Feb. 8.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP).—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey will speak Feb. 8 at the annual Lincoln Day dinner here. The speech will be broadcast.

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LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP).—Premier Hubert Pierlot told the Belgian parliament today that "I have it on the highest Allied authority that the situation at the front is well in hand," the Brussels radio reported.

"The enemy's advance is being held and Allied counterattacks are proceeding successfully from both the south and west," the premier said. "I have all authority to tell you there is no reason for anxiety."

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Von Rundstedt Throws in More and More Forces and Still Has Substantial Reserves.

By WES GALLAGHER

WITH FORCES IN BELGIUM, Dec. 26 (Delayed) (AP).—Marshal Karl Gerd von Rundstedt hammered ceaselessly at Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's northern flank in Belgium today, embroiling more men in the great struggle.

At the same time, there was sharp increase in patrol activity all the way from Monschau to the Canadian army positions in Holland.

American combat forces chopped off at least two of Von Rundstedt's extended western prongs capturing 13 assault guns in one place, but Von Rundstedt threw two more in their place.

In general, the northern flank is being held, forcing the German commander even farther west in his efforts to turn north against Liege and Antwerp, while, in the south, American armor and infantry made steady progress northward toward Bastogne.

German losses mounted steadily but Von Rundstedt has ignored them in the typical Prussian fashion that cost the Kaiser 400,000 men at Verdun in the last war.

There are more and more indications that the German command has decided to risk the heart of the German army in the western front effort. At the present moment, Eisenhower's forces have more or less contained the original penetration and the battle has passed from the "critical stage."

Von Rundstedt still has substantial reserves, reserves two months ago were thought impossible by most Allied military experts.

If he commits them either in the breakthrough or in a new attempt farther north, the struggle on the western front will have life or death aspect. It will strain every Allied resource.

Joan Berry's lawyer failed today to block testimony about blood tests which, doctors maintain, show that Charlie Chaplin is not the father of her 14-month-old daughter.

Superior Judge Henry M. Willis ruled that testimony of the scientists was admissible in the trial of Joan's paternity suit against the comedian, but added: "The opinion of the doctors that the defendant is not the father is nothing more than an opinion based on expert knowledge. Under our jurisprudence this evidence is not binding on the jury but shall be weighed by the jury."

It is recognized by authorities that blood tests constitute some proof of parentage. . . . The mother, Joan Berry, willingly contributed to the tests by subjecting her child to the doctor, gave her own blood, and the defendant willingly contributed his."

After the court's ruling, Dr. Newton Evans testified that his conclusion was that it was "impossible that Mr. Chaplin was the father of this child, assuming that Miss Berry was the mother."

\$2,390,000 KANSAS CITY FIRE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 27 (AP)—A smoldering basement fire erupted in the downtown warehouse district today, destroying a five-story brick building, damaging four others and causing loss estimated by owners and tenants at \$2,390,000.

Four firemen were injured, none seriously. The fire brought out 25 fire companies from both Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kas., in sub-freezing weather.

Cafeteria Bonuses \$17,818.

Christmas bonus checks totaling \$17,818 were distributed today to nearly 400 employees of the Miss Hullings Cafeterias, 1103 Locust street and 725 Olive street, it was announced by Stephen R. Apted, vice president and general manager. Amounts were based on the percentage of earnings with those employed between six months and a year receiving half shares and those with longer service full shares.

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Pfc. Austin Gomez, 20, an armored infantryman, was killed in action Nov. 19 in Germany, his mother, Mrs. Eva Gomez, 4170A Castleman avenue, has been notified. His brother, Frank Gomez, lives at 2309 Cherokee street.

Pfc. Robert Price, 26, infantryman, was killed in action Nov. 18 in France, the War Department has notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Price, Dardene, Mo.

MISSING

Petty Officer 1-C Oliver R. Limpert, 36, is missing in action in the Pacific theater, the Navy Department has notified his wife, Mrs. Alberta Limpert, 7427A South Broadway. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Limpert, live at 8216 Virginia avenue.

Pvt. Edmon J. Russell, 25, an infantryman, has been reported missing in action since Dec. 9 in France, his wife, Mrs. Mary J. Russell, 130 Plant avenue, Webster Groves, has been notified. His mother, Mrs. Ida Shoup, lives at 4724 Kensington place.

PRISONER

Lt. Ross Houston, 23, navigator of a British-based Liberator, was reported to have broadcast from a German prison camp last Saturday, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arch. W. Houston, 2924A Sidney street, have learned. This was the first intimation that Lt. Houston was missing. A War Department message received yesterday confirmed receipt of the broadcast.

Staff Sgt. Alfred J. Kreutz, 21, Army Air Force, previously listed as missing in action over Germany since Nov. 6, is now reported as a prisoner of the German Government, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kreutz, Route 8, Lemay, have learned.

Staff Sgt. Nicholas H. Dengler Jr., 28, Army Air Forces, previously reported missing in action over Germany since Sept. 27, is now listed as a prisoner of the German Government, his wife, Mrs. Ethel Dengler, 6078 Maple avenue, has learned. His parents live in Cincinnati, O.

Sgt. Clarence O. Volner, 26, member of a tank destroyer unit, missing in action in France since Sept. 1, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Volner, 3910A Cleveland avenue, that he is now a prisoner of the Germans.

WOUNDED

Lt. Abe Rush, 33, an infantryman, was wounded in action in France Nov. 22, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rush, 5592 Pershing avenue, have been informed.

Staff Sgt. Richard Lobin, 26, member of a tank destroyer unit, was wounded in action in Germany in October and received the Purple Heart, and his brother, Cpl. Milton Lobin, 29, with an armored division, was seriously wounded in action Nov. 26 in Germany, their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Lobin, formerly of St. Louis, now of Hillsboro, Mo., have learned. A sister, Mrs. Margaret Jones, lives at 3316 Oxford avenue, Maplewood.

Cpl. Charles Crowder, 28, infantryman, was wounded in action Nov. 19 in Germany, his mother, Mrs. Mae Diehl, lives at 2601A South Jefferson avenue.

Pvt. Arthur W. Harke, 36, in infantryman, was wounded in action Nov. 27 in Germany, his wife, who lives at 7323 Pennsylvania avenue, has learned. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Harke, live at 904 Erskine avenue, Lemay.

Pvt. Albert F. Bunting, 25, an infantryman, was wounded in action Dec. 4 in Germany, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hays I. Bunting, 1111A St. Louis avenue, have been notified.

Pvt. Edsel L. Keith, 20, an infantryman, was wounded in action in Germany Nov. 18. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Keith, of Bell City, Mo., and the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert L. Keith of 4162 Westminster place.

Pvt. Clarence Seago, 21, infantryman, was wounded in action recently in Germany, he informed his wife, Mrs. Alta Tarrant Seago, 3541 Thomas avenue, Altam, His father, George Seago, lives in Bethalto, Ill.

Pvt. Simon R. Malley, 31, infantryman, was wounded in action Oct. 2 in France, his father, John Malley, 27 East Madison street, Wood River, was notified.

Pvt. Harlan H. Harris, 36, an infantryman, was wounded in action Sept. 14 in France, his wife, Mrs. Jewell L. Harris, 3711½ Garfield avenue, has learned.

Pvt. Arthur J. Krahn, 19, an infantryman, was wounded in action Dec. 3 in Germany. He is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leitner, 5222 Blow street.

Pvt. Edward A. Rose, 36, an infantryman, was wounded in action Dec. 8 in Germany. His wife, Mrs. Emma Miller, live at 2422A Coleman street.

Pvt. Thomas A. Gunning, 34, an infantryman, was wounded in action Dec. 5 in France, his wife, Mrs. Bertha Gunning, 1817 Cass avenue, has been informed. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Gunning, live at 1913A Cass avenue.

Pvt. James O. Ehrenreich, 19, an infantryman, was seriously wounded in action Oct. 2 in France, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ehrenreich, 776 Zeiss street, Affton, have learned.

Pvt. Frederick R. Creswick, 26, infantryman, was wounded recently in Germany and has been

La Veta avenue, Richmond Heights. His wife lives in Fort Scott, Kan.

Sgt. Ralph T. Braun, infantryman, wounded in Germany, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Braun, 5701 Floy avenue.

Cpl. Albert H. Topal Jr., crew chief and gunner aboard a Liberator, missing in action over Yugoslavia since Dec. 11. His parents live at 3010 Nameoki road, Nameoki.

Seaman 1-C Emil Prosper Mirgain, missing in action in the Arctic Ocean since March, 1943, now listed as dead, son of Nicholas E. Mirgain, 8301 Morganford road, Lemay, and Mrs. George O. Robschitz, 758 Zeiss avenue, Lemay.

Pfc. Boyd Shaffer, infantryman, wounded in Germany, husband of Mrs. Mary L. Shaffer, 5456 Wabada avenue.

Pvt. Wilton Heger, infantryman, killed in action in France, husband of Mrs. Ruth Heger, 6215 Reber place.

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Ship Sunk Off Göteborg.
STOCKHOLM, Dec. 27 (AP).—A ship of undetermined nationality, probably German, sank off Göteborg Tuesday night. Observers on shore believe that Allied planes were responsible.

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Second Greek Parley Breaks Up

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tionists and all responsible for unpatriotic acts.
6—A purge of all government services, including town police, and dissolution of the gendarmerie, with all officers and men to be sent home and recalled to active service only after each has been examined by a committee.
Guards to Disband.
6—Disbanding of national guards formed since the outbreak of the civil war and reorganization of the service.
7—Dissolution and reorganiza-

tion of the naval services, with all officers to be purged.
8—Committees to purge army and navy services to be appointed by the government and not by cabinet ministers.
9—A plebiscite to be held the first Sunday in February at the latest to decide whether King George II is to return.
10—A general election for the national assembly to be held in April at the latest.
Representatives of the E.A.M. said they would accept the presence of international delegates during the plebiscite to insure a fair election.

Even while the conference met in the Grand Bretagne Hotel, the British accused the E. L. A. S. forces, militia of the E. A. M., of breaking a conference truce late yesterday and fighting flared again in the district behind British headquarters. Parachute troops forged ahead with tanks and armored cars in a drive to clear the southern triangle leading into Omonia Square.

The British said E. L. A. S. artillery had broken the truce by firing on a British warship and the British-Greek naval headquarters and that as a result, offensively air action would be renewed.
A second truce apparently had been arranged to permit the E. A. M. delegates to attend the second session of the conference.

It had been agreed that no artillery action would be taken on one side or air action on the other for three-quarters of an hour while E. L. A. S. delegates were being brought to the first session of the conference last night at which Churchill appealed to the warring factions to end their strife.

The British announced that the first shell fell yesterday at 3:10 p. m., 10 minutes after the truce period began, striking near a British warship at Piraeus, port of Athens. The second landed near

the naval headquarters a little later.
The tension surrounding the first session of the conference was so great that all delegates were required to surrender their side arms before entering the conference chamber.
In his appeal for an immediate end to the strife that has torn Greece, Churchill told the conference:
"Whether Greece is a monarchy or a republic is a matter for the Greeks and the Greeks alone to decide. All we wish you is good, and good for all."

Britain's only interest in using troops in the current civil war, Churchill asserted, is to bring an end to disorder and make possible an election by secret ballot.
The session, convened in secret while gunfire sounded in the distance, broke up after four and one-half hours.

E. A. M. Arrives Late.
Called to order an hour and a half late, yesterday's conference began without representatives of the left-wing E. A. M.
After Churchill had been speaking for about five minutes, however, three E. A. M. delegates were ushered in.

The leftist delegation was composed of George Siantos, secretary of the Greek Communist party; Dimitri Partalides, secretary of the E. A. M., and Gen. Emmanuel Mandakus, member of the E. L. A. S. administrative council.
The other delegates were Premier George Papandreou, Themistokles Sophoulis, Liberian party leader; Gen. Nicholas Plastiras, leader of the 1922 Greek revolution; George Kafandaris, former foreign minister who was exiled during the Metaxas dictatorship, and a representative of the Populist party.

Before the E.L.A.S. members were admitted to the conference chamber there were sounds of scuffling outside the door.

Churchill Starts Again.
The E.A.M. delegates, introduced by Archbishop Damaskinos, shook hands with all at the conference table and Churchill, clad in the uniform of an air commodore, began his speech again.

"Gentlemen," he said, "we hold many important matters in our hands."
"Today Greece may become a United Nation marching with the other United Nations of the world towards victory."

Tomorrow, he said, we have to our hard task, and we British shall be given a large part of the duty of rescuing the city of Athens from the anarchy and miserable conditions now prevailing and of securing a sufficient area of safety around it to enable the people of Athens to go through their daily life and work, to receive the supplies which are coming in and to feel that they have peace and that they have safety and that they have freedom.

"We came here with the knowledge and approval of President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin. We thought at Caserta we had an invitation from all the Greeks, including the commander of the E.L.A.S. army."

(The reference to the Caserta agreement concerned a conference in September, at Caserta, Italy, after which it was announced that the rival Greek factions had agreed to accept orders from Premier Papandreou and the Allied command. Full details of the agreement were not made public, but the British landed in Greece in October.)

"Came With Good Hearts."
"In those days," Churchill continued, "there were Germans to throw out and it's quite true we are in a different situation now. That is why we accepted when we were invited to come. That is why I take pains to offer to the E.L.A.S. delegates a statement of our position that we consider we were invited and that we came with good hearts and full hands, with no thought in view but the restoration of Greece to her place, won by hard fighting, in the ranks of the allies when victory is not so far distant."

"Why is it we cannot leave? Since we've been here the most violent, unexpected troubles have arisen and we have become involved in them in doing what we believed was our duty. This duty we shall discharge faithfully until the end."

Churchill disclaimed that Britain "desired any material advantage from Greece." He denied territorial and commercial advantages were being sought, or that the British wished to interfere in Greek affairs.

Churchill, however, insisted on acceptance of Lt. Gen. Ronald M. Scobie's conditions and that, arising out of the present conference a broad Greek government should be formed so that the Greek nation "possessed of sufficient armed power . . . to preserve itself in Athens until fair and free general elections can be held."

Churchill expressed hope that in Greece the people would be able to voice their views as people in Britain and America and made special point of the secret ballot.
Churchill concluded with an expression of hope that the conference might see a resolving of civil strife and summed up:

"All eyes are turned on this table at this moment, and we British trust that whatever has happened in the heat of fighting, whatever misunderstandings there have been, we shall preserve those old friendships between Greece and Great Britain which played so notable a part in establishment of Greek independence."

FIRM AGREES TO PAY \$6172 FOR VIOLATING PRICE CEILINGS

Rubin Garment Manufacturing Co., 720 Washington avenue, will pay \$6172 as price ceiling overcharges for young women's apparel under a consent decree entered today by United States District Judge George H. Moore.
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| Boys' Cotton Knit Polo Shirts; irregulars | — | 79c |
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| Children's Leather Mittens; irregulars, pair | — | 59c |
| \$12.99 Boys' Coat & Legging Sets; size 7 | — | \$10.99 |
| Boys' Commando Raincoats, broken sizes | — | \$2.99 |
| Men's 50% Wool Army Shirts, Drawers, each | — | \$1 |
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| Men's Wool-Knitted Gloves, pair | — | \$1.39-\$1.49 |
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP).—The Bureau of Labor Statistics says the number of workers who drop union affiliation in maintenance-of-membership "escape periods" is negligible. A survey, covering 21 plants employing 78,000 union members, made for the War Labor Board last August and September, showed that 365 workers, or about one-half of 1 percent, resigned their union membership in the escape period which is usually about 15 days.

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SIXTH and LOCUST (1)

400 Yanks, Cut Off for 6 Days By 3 Nazi Divisions, Direct Guns Firing on Foe, Make Getaway

Slip Into Woods at Night After Wrecking Own Vehicles, March 10 Miles Through Enemy Lines—Only 20 of Group Fail to Return.

By KENNETH L. DIXON

EAST OF MARCHÉ, Belgium, Dec. 26 (Delayed) (AP).—Their faces blacked, their helmets and armored vehicles left behind, the fighting 400 of "Hogan's Task Force" came out of the woods through 10 miles of enemy lines this morning.

Isolated and encircled miles from any help, they had been given up as lost after six days. But out of slightly more than 400 men who struck across no man's land all but about 20 returned, including their commander, Lt. Col. Samuel M. Hogan of Pharr, Tex., whose wife lives in Fort Worth. Here is what they had done:

Penetrated enemy lines more than 30 miles.

Been trapped by three Panzer divisions outnumbering them literally hundreds to one.

Fought such a mobile, cagey battle they managed to keep the enemy confused and at bay on all sides until their gas ran out. Dug into a village high point when their own cause seemed hopeless and served so effectively by radio as "forward observers" right in the midst of the enemy that they called artillery shots which broke up a major enemy counterattack along the whole sector.

Refused to surrender, although they appeared to face almost certain annihilation.

Damaged their armored vehicles, rendering them useless to the enemy, and made a bold Christmas night escape afoot, slipping out of a trap just as the Germans' snapped the teeth shut with an artillery and mortar barrage and an infantry attack.

Hiked over a hilly timbered hogback 10 miles to safety.

Leading a swift striking column of approximately 60 vehicles varying from medium tanks to jeeps and including a few artillery pieces, the colorful Texan who

loves to fly the Lone Star state's flag on his jeep or half-track jumped off from a little town near here at 2:30 p. m. on Dec. 20. The town subsequently became the scene of a terrific battle.

Striking southeast, the men of "Hogan's Task Force" rolled 30 miles during the next two hours, not meeting enough resistance even to slow them down. Meanwhile, two German Panzer divisions were moving northwest on both sides of them, but nobody knew it then.

Hemmed In By Foe. Suddenly at dusk they ran into a German road block and had their first battle against antitank guns and small arms fire. They were caught on a narrow strip of road between a river and a mountain precipice and were unable to maneuver, or use more than one tank at a time.

That night they took the road-block, but the next day the enemy attacked with armor and infantry, the latter shooting down on them from mountain positions. They finally were forced to pull back about 400 yards.

Subsequently by probing to the north and south they ran head on into overpowering enemy forces. From their headquarters 30 miles away they received orders to pull back at least a short distance.

Meanwhile, Hogan decided to try to make a run to headquarters for a conference with division officers. He and Maj. Travis Brown of Manning, S. C., set out in two jeeps with a couple of other officers and men, including Pvt. Philip De Orio of New York City, the Colonel's combination orderly, bodyguard and scout.

They were ambushed and lost the jeeps. Hogan and De Orio got away in one direction and finally rejoined the task force. Maj. Brown and another officer got away in another direction, slipping through the German lines to safety two days before the rest of their outfit returned.

Back with the task force Maj. William S. Walker of Winnfield, La., former executive officer, was now in charge. Carefully conserving vital gasoline, he continued attempting to strike through the enemy's paralleling lines, but each probing effort drew strong anti-tank, artillery and mortar fire from both the front and flanks. "Finally we closed up for the night there on the road, with both ends digging in," Walker said.

Attempt to Break Out. Beating off attacks through the night the men were ready to attack again with the first light of dawn Dec. 22 when they received another radioed message from headquarters to start fighting their way back to our lines. The strength of German armored divisions had been partly learned, and little hope was held for their getting back.

Literally firing both to the front and rear, Walker directed the task force through a continuous gauntlet on the road back only to run into a large enemy infantry force. As the enemy trap tightened Walker spotted a village on a high and fairly barren hilltop and his force pushed through the Germans to reach the town. Hogan had reached the town four hours earlier.

Using the last of their gasoline the men moved their tanks, half-tracks and artillery pieces to seven roads leading out of town and set up roadblocks.

Direct Artillery Fire. During the next two days and nights, still 10 miles from their own lines, they beat off attack after attack, radioed back information on enemy armored movements and had the satisfaction of watching American artillery knock out enemy tanks and other vehicles.

On the afternoon of Dec. 23 they were all set to cheer Capt. H. F. (Ted) Cardon of Tucson, Ariz., the air liaison officer, because a bunch of courageous pilots in unarmed C-47s flew supplies in after the artillery unsuccessfully fired medical supplies for them.

But their glee was short lived because two of the 20 cargo planes were shot down and the supplies parachuted out of their reach. Another attempt to fly supplies in the next day failed.

On the morning of Dec. 24 three German officers appeared in half-tracks bearing a white flag and told Hogan his position was hopeless.

They nodded and saluted when the Texan said his force had orders to fight till the end.

"It looked like a pretty bleak Christmas eve," Capt. Cardon said. Then Lt. Harold L. W. Randall of White Cloud, Kan., a blond veteran who won his commission in the field, led an exploratory patrol. After crossing 700 yards of barren space he found timber stretching up to a wooded ridge which rolled right back toward our lines.

The Getaway. On Christmas day the force was ordered to try and make a run for it. The men blackened their faces, removed their helmets to confuse enemy patrols and at 4:30 p. m. started damaging their armored vehicles.

They left behind a medical captain and three medical aid men who insisted on remaining to attend a dozen wounded. Out in front went Lt. Randall and a picked crew of reconnaissance men.

For the next 13 hours Hogan's men hiked over terrain so rugged the Germans hadn't bothered to man it heavily. At 7 a. m. the next day they began to show up opposite the American lines. A few of them were arrested and held briefly as prisoners of war by suspicious doughboys and one was killed accidentally by a sentry. The last man to return was Hogan.

"My feet got to hurting me,"

grinned the Texan when he showed up at midday, "so I just sat down and rested awhile."

NEW NIGHT CLUB CLOSES UNDER BAR ON GAMBLING

Evergreen Gardens, East Side night club which opened Dec. 15 with elaborate facilities for gambling, was closed last Thursday after only six nights of operation, during which the gambling equipment was not used and men employed to operate it stood idle.

State's Attorney C. W. Burton of Madison County, who visited the place Dec. 17, said he would take steps to close it if gambling, expected to be the more lucrative part of the enterprise, was permitted. He told the Post-Dispatch today he took this stand because it had been planned to operate the casino in conjunction with a night club, a combination Burton said he regarded as unfortunate since a shooting at the Club Royal, near Belleville, three months ago.

Backers of the new place had expected to draw trade which for-

merly patronized the Club Royal, now closed. Burton said objections to Evergreen Gardens did not apply to the Hyde Park and the 208 Club, gambling establishments in Madison County, since they do not operate as night clubs.



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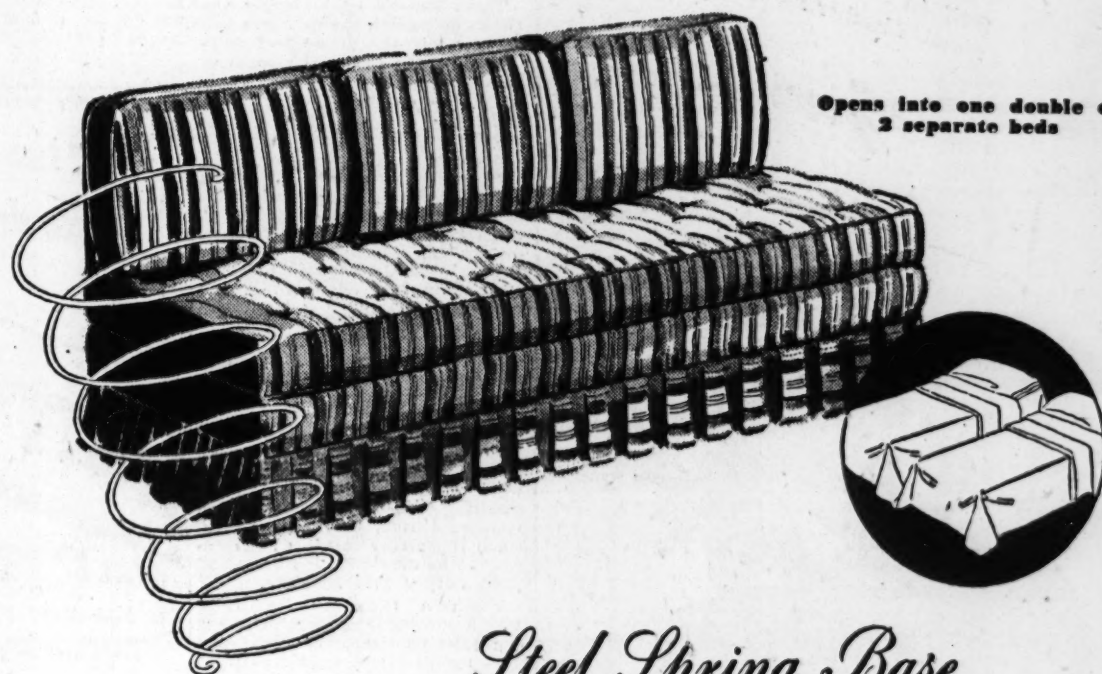
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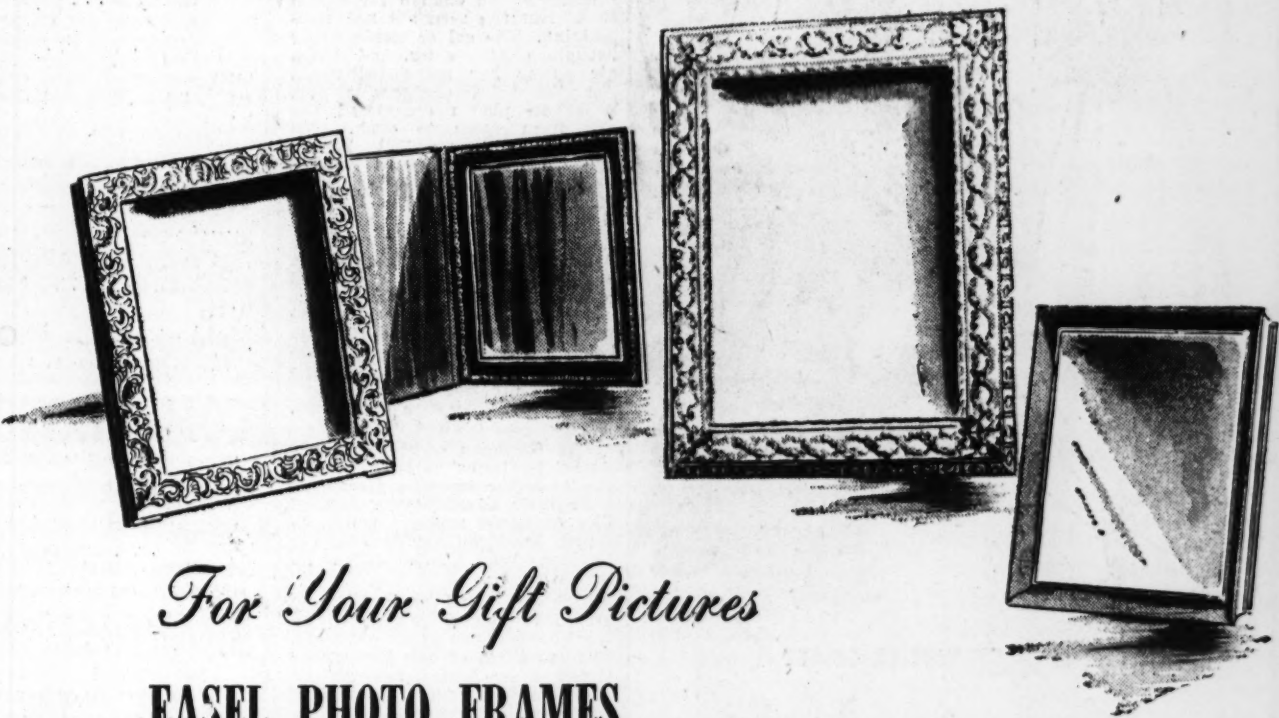
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TONS OF SUPPLIES FLOWN TO YANKS IN BASTOGNE AREA

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armored, returned to base without fighter escort either way.

NURSES, DOCTORS FLOWN INTO AREA

By JOSEPH DRISCOLL
A Special Correspondent of the
Post-Dispatch.

WITH AMERICAN FORCES
ON THE WESTERN FRONT,
Dec. 26 (Delayed).—Relief for the
American forces which have been
pocketed in the Belgian city of
Bastogne for the last week was
nearer tonight, coming by land and
air.

By land, American infantry had
pushed northward along the Bel-
gian highway that runs from Ar-
lon to Bastogne and then branches
toward Barthe, Namur and Liege.
At last report, the advancing
forces were only a few miles from
Bastogne, and a junction of the
two forces—the relievers and re-
lieved should not be long delayed.
Then, instead of besieging the
Bastogne pocket, the Germans will
have to face the dangers of seek-
ing an escape gap to the north of
Bastogne.

Pending permanent relief by the
advancing ground troops, the
Americans in Bastogne and its
suburbs have been receiving emer-
gency relief from the air. Today
a small liaison plane flew in with
a surgeon, put him down safely,
and flew out without interference.
Medics and nurses from an evacua-
tion hospital also were flown in
after they had answered a call
for volunteers.

Pocketed Yanks Harry Fox.
Day after day, urgently needed
supplies of food, ammunition, gas-
oline and medical goods have been
flown in by the reliable C-47 trans-
port planes. The pocketed Ameri-
cans have not been content to
remain in and around Bastogne
while resisting enemy pressure and
awaiting relief. Countering the
German thrust, they have sallied
forth repeatedly to nip at the en-
emy as he continued his westward
push deeper into Belgium.

When a German commander
sent a surrender ultimatum to the
Bastogne garrison, the reply was
both scornful and unprintable. If
one were selecting a garrison to
hold out until the bitter end, one
could not select a better group
than the men who have held out
to Bastogne against odds, for they
are battle-tested and belong to
some of the most famous units on
the Western Front. Their loss
would be serious, but they refuse
to be lost, and there is little
doubt they will be saved soon.

"Those men are doing a hell
of a good job killing Germans,"
was one of the tributes paid to
them. Another observation was:
"The situation is sticky, but we'll
take care of them."

Snow, Ice Covers Ground.
Riding in a jeep along the Ar-
lon-Bastogne highway this after-
noon, we could appreciate the
rigors of winter warfare in the
Ardennes. Officially, the tempera-
ture was 14 degrees above zero,
but it seemed much colder in the
rugged mountains. The roads
were icy and the meadows and
forests were slicked over with
snow and sleet.

No American infantryman ever
sings anymore about dreaming of
a white Christmas—this white
Christmas was enough for a life-
time. But the men are not com-
plaining. The colder weather has
brought clearer skies, and Allied
air power has reassured itself.
For the third consecutive day,
American planes dominated the
sky from dawn to dusk. The
days are getting a little longer,
which means it will be a little
easier for German tanks, trucks,
jeeps and troops to flee back to
Germany.

German attempts to deceive the
Americans and escape detection
are fantastic. It was discovered
today that the Germans were
using tanks painted white. The
tank crews were wearing white
helmets, capes and gloves. Since
the Allies have not seen fit to go
in for white tanks, the German
tanks, once they were discovered,
were quickly chewed up.

The Germans continue to use
American tanks and jeeps with
the American insignia. They even
have their advance men dressed
like American military police, to
direct American traffic into the
German lines. This dodge no
longer works.

Fighting elsewhere in Belgium
and Luxembourg progresses on
what is described as a fluid front.
The definition of this is that the
Germans are pushing back in one
place and ooze forth in another.
However, the enemy is being
pushed back in the right places,
and his latest advances may prove
very costly to him in the long
run.

Stampede Plan Fails.
Obviously, he is trying to stamp-
ede the Americans as he did the
Belgians and French in 1940. He
attempts to stampede by getting
behind his adversary to cut off
communications. He enjoyed
great success in the early days
of the present counteroffensive,
but by now he should have learned
that the Americans are in no
mood for panic.

As they advance toward Bas-
togne and other places, the Ameri-
cans are careful not to move so
fast as to leave many Germans
in their rear. As they go ahead,
they clear out each town and
forest. The Germans, masters of
infiltration, after being combed
out of a forest by day, filter back
by night, and they have to be
ejected three or four times before
they understand it's final.

"The Germans are nutty," the
woods are full of them. It's a
real scrap," I was told.
Whatever may have been said
about over-age, decrepit People's
Army members in the past, the
truth is that Germany had re-
served some of its best troops for
the current campaign. In all fair-
ness, it should be said that the
German troops are good—but not
quite good enough.

W. L. VANDEVENTER APPOINTED TO STATE COURT OF APPEALS

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 27.—
William L. Vandeventer, Spring-
field Republican, was named to-
day by Gov. Forrest C. Donnell to
fill the vacancy on the Springfield
Court of Appeals created by the
death of Judge Robert J. Smith,
who also was a Republican.

Vandeventer's name was sub-
mitted to the Governor with those
of two others by the Appellate
Judicial Commission of Missouri.
According to the provisions of the
nonpartisan court plan, he will
serve through December, 1946. He
will be subject to a referendum in
November, 1946, and if ratified
would serve 12 years.

A former United States District
Attorney at Kansas City, Van-
deventer served as special counsel
for Gov. Donnell during the 1941
Cole County grand jury investiga-
tion of legislative corruption. He
is the sixth Republican to be ap-
pointed a judge by Gov. Donnell.
There have been no Democrats.

White Christmas in Britain.
LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP).—It can
now be revealed without violating
censorship that Britain had a
white Christmas, caused by a
heavy frost which covered the
ground. The cold snap was accom-
panied by a heavy fog which
forced cancellation of football
matches and other outdoor activi-
ties.

HARRY BRIDGES DEPORTATION CASE BEFORE SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP).—

Harry Bridges, CIO labor leader,
on the West Coast, asked the
United States Supreme Court to-
day to review legal proceedings in
his fight against deportation as
an alien.

Attorney General Biddle ordered
Bridges deported to his native

Australia in May, 1942, contending
Bridges was a member of the
Communist party and stated the
party advocated "violent over-
throw of the United States Gov-
ernment." Bridges denies he is
or has been a Communist.

means of habeas Corpus proceed-
ings in lower Federal courts. He
petitioned today for a review of
action of the Ninth Federal Cir-
cuit Court upholding the depor-
tation order. The Supreme Court
will announce later whether it will
consider Bridges' case.

Dental Leader Dies.
SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 27
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continue—and no one dares to estimate when they will subside—we must
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GERMAN FORCES IN BUDAPEST SPLIT; REDS FIGHT IN CITY

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less columns of Nazi prisoners marched miserably to the cages, the dispatch said.

From the hilltops of the Buda district on the west bank of the Danube, Marshal Fedor I. Tolbukhin's artillery dominated the entire city—including Pest's massive business and factory buildings on the plain east of the river. Armored columns, already deep inside the city's western outskirts, were blasting their way house by house toward two big bridges across the Danube that link the two sections of the city.

Field dispatches said other Russian successes yesterday brought the German command in the east to a moment of supreme crisis. Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian Army and Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian Army, it was pointed out, are tactically linked up northwest of Budapest for a joint drive up both sides of the Danube to Bratislava, Slovakian capital, and Vienna.

Swarming forward along Hron (Garon), a northern tributary of the Danube, Malinovsky's troops captured at least 13 towns in southern Czechoslovakia and advanced within 63 miles of Bratislava and within 90 miles of Vienna.

Tolbukhin's gains west of Budapest tightened the Russian battle zone in the Danubian basin into the equivalent of a single front, stretching some 250 miles from the approaches to the eastern Slovakian fortress town of Kassa to the southwestern Hungarian gap below Lake Balaton.

Reds Throw in Reserves. Both Tolbukhin and Malinovsky are reported throwing reserves into the central sector of this line.

Tolbukhin's troops, in cutting off the Hungarian capital, captured Cakvar, 25 miles west of the city, and reached and seized the Danube city of Esztergom, 20 miles northwest.

At Esztergom, Tolbukhin's army stood virtually opposite the Hron's mouth. A crossing of the Danube slightly to the west would outflank the enemy's Hron River line.

Elements of Malinovsky's army captured 16 Hungarian communities near the Czechoslovak border above Gyongyos. This advance drove all except a few of the enemy from Hungarian soil east and northeast of the Danube.

In the encirclement of Budapest, Tolbukhin's troops seized at least nine of the solidly-built-up suburbs of Buda.

One of these, Lipotmezo, was two miles inside the city and only two and one-half miles west of the Margaret bridge (Margithid) in the center of the city. Another, Zugliget, one and one-half miles inside Budapest, was but three and one-half miles west of the famous chain bridge (Lanchid).

Although death or capture were the alternatives for the completely cut-off enemy garrison, originally estimated at 100,000, with the scanty possibility that a few top men might yet flee by air, the Moscow communique conceded that the Germans were putting up a ferocious resistance.

Budapest's outer and inner rings of fortifications were gone, but the enemy was fighting furiously from the shabby stone buildings that make up most of hilly Buda.

Budapest is a great economic as well as a political and military prize. It contains iron and steel works and engineering, textile, chemical, shipbuilding and food industries. A large munitions plant is located in the southern suburb of Csepel. The Germans already have hauled away much of the machinery from these enterprises, but a considerable amount remains.

Silent on Other Fronts. The Russians were silent concerning other fronts, except to say that fighting of local importance went on.

Col. Ernst Von Hammer, German military commentator, said in a broadcast that a battle still raged on the Courland Peninsula in western Latvia where an estimated 30 Nazi divisions have been pinned against the sea.

Von Hammer said the Russians had thrown in at least eight fresh infantry divisions and three major tank formations to achieve a penetration of nearly one mile through the Nazi line in Latvia.

The Courland offensive, according to German reports, began last Thursday, but it has not yet been mentioned in Soviet communiques.

Flashes of Life**Conscience Money.**

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Ralph Oldroyd received a package of scissors, costume jewelry and knickknacks—plus \$2.50—from a person employed in her home years ago. A note said the articles were to replace some that were lost or broken during the employment, and the money was to cover any incidentals that had been forgotten. Mrs. Oldroyd hadn't known anything had been lost or broken.

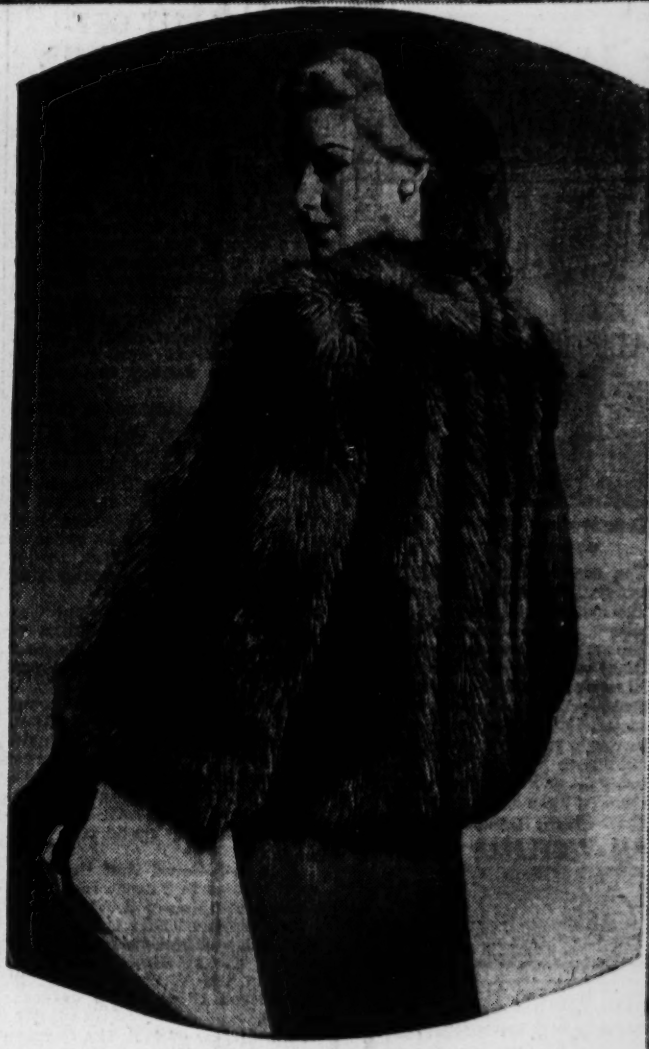
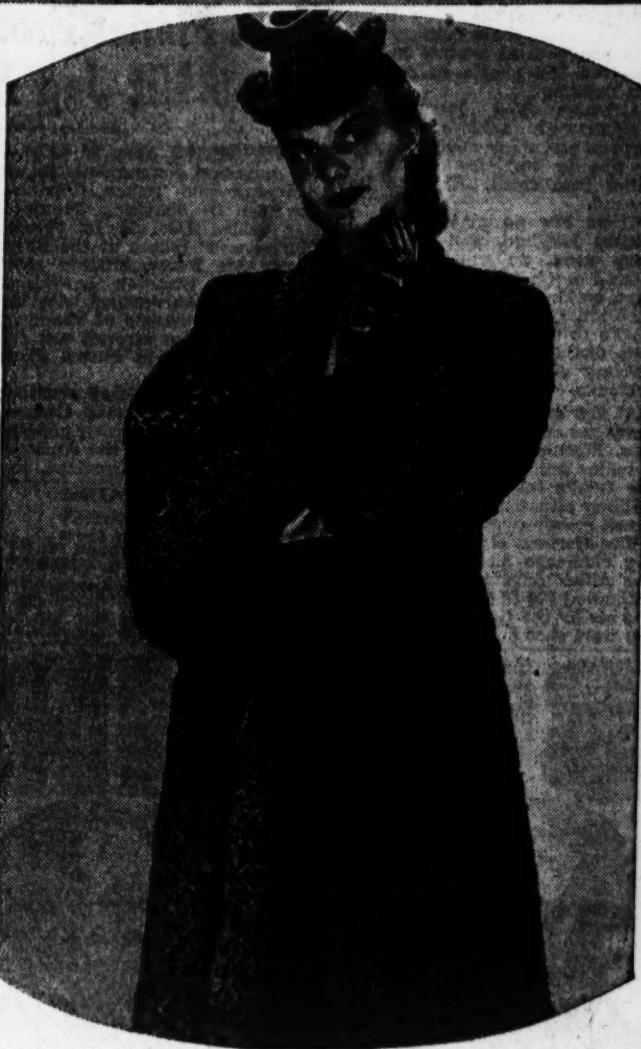
Voice From the 'Dead.'

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 27.—Detectives Mike Vecchio and August Bettinger, in search for a man reported by neighbors as missing for days and probably dead, tried to get into his house, but the doors and windows were locked. After considerable noise and exertion, they heard a voice from within: "What are you doing out there? You're making enough noise to wake up the dead."

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Kansas City	—	—	27	21	.11
Los Angeles	—	—	68	48	..
Memphis	—	—	38	33	.86
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V-E DAY PUT OFF 3 TO 6 MONTHS, WASHINGTON VIEW

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the date for victory over Japan will have to be moved forward also. But in Asia and the Pacific, as well as in Europe, much of what will happen depends on Russian plans, as yet unrevealed.

There is, for instance, the question of whether and when the Red Army will open a full scale offensive against Germany on the Polish front. The ground is frozen and the time is ripe, since the Germans are heavily engaged in the west.

A Russian breakthrough to Berlin might shorten the war somewhat, but in view of what has happened in the west there is now no reason to believe that those results would be either certainly or quickly achieved. Military men say the Germans may be expected to resist and strike back in the east with the same ferocity they have shown in the west.

The success of the present German drive is being attributed by some authorities here partly to a failure of Allied intelligence and planning.

Very young, very old and second rate troops found in many West Wall fortifications were considered typical of all German forces relatively weak units held together with a sprinkling of battle-hardened regulars. Allied intelligence apparently made two great blunders:

1. It is believed that the German armor in France had been almost completely destroyed.
2. It believed that it knew the strength and had guessed the intended use of German reserves backing up the West Wall and it considered them to be defense forces.

As a matter of fact, the German force, reported to number about 20 divisions, represented a reorganization of the defeated remnants of the armies beaten in France; the use of many second-rate troops in the West Wall completely camouflaged this reorganization.

With brilliant strategy and timing the Germans hit at a moment and place of Allied weakness with complete surprise. It is evident that in the ensuing retreat the American forces have suffered heavily.

Forcing Realignment.

Compelled to fight desperately, Gen. Eisenhower has had to withdraw and regroup his divisions. If his countermeasures succeed in breaking the German drive and converting an imminent defeat into unexpected victory, the enormous cost of the whole affair may be written off as the cost of triumph.

If, however, the Germans succeed in extending and holding their gains—if it takes the Allies many weeks to re-equip and reorganize their forces—in short, if the war is as prolonged as Washington authorities are beginning to fear it will be, then a shakeup, particularly in military intelligence, may be expected which will reach into Eisenhower's own top assistants.

Temporary Halt.

Military spokesmen said today that the German counter-offensive apparently has been brought to a temporary halt, giving Allied forces time to establish a strong defensive line, but they cautioned that it still was too early to say the Germans have gone over to the defensive.

These observers, moreover, point to indications that the Germans are massing forces in the vicinity of Hottel and Marche in Belgium, some 20 miles east of the Meuse River, for a renewed effort to strike out for channel ports. Severe and confused fighting may be expected within a few days, they say.

A suggestion that forward German elements already are experiencing supply difficulties was seen in reports that Allied air forces have knocked out about 2000 enemy trucks and 231 tanks in the last three or four days. That number of trucks would be capable of transporting supplies for two or three panzer divisions. The tank would represent upwards of half the number in an armored division.

Additional losses have been inflicted on enemy transport columns by Allied ground forces.

One observer ventured the prediction that if flying weather continues advance elements of the German drive soon will be completely immobilized.

Military men say that if the German offensive is to accomplish any major success the enemy must cross the Meuse River in force soon or choose the alternatives of trying to break out on the flank or of withdrawing from the salient.

**ALLIED SERVICE
OF INTELLIGENCE
BADLY INFORMED**

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and the Luftwaffe has put forth its greatest effort since 1940.

(A dispatch dated two days late from Associated Press Correspondent Hal Boyle at United States First Army headquarters said German tanks were beginning to run out of fuel as a result of Allied air pounding of German forward elements and supply columns.

Combat commanders reported finding numerous Nazi vehicles abandoned in Belgium after running out of fuel.)

It is not the first time that Allied military leaders have underestimated German strength. A similar estimate was made of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's condition in February, 1943, just before he came out of Kaid pass in southern Tunisia. German capabilities also were underestimated in Italy along the Rapido River and at the start of the Anzio landing.

The best estimate of German capabilities was made for the original D-day landings in Normandy, when Nazi strength coincided closely with the original Allied appraisal.

In the overall picture, however, many American and British military men believed Germany could not last out this year as a fighting nation.

This over-optimism among officials and this under-estimation of

Germany were the very things many of these same military leaders had warned against in messages to the people of America and Britain.

Although Von Rundstedt's breakthrough achieved tactical surprise and made rapid progress, it was in territory where the Allies best could afford to lose ground.

There are no major cities in central Belgium, and with Antwerp open, no great threat is offered to the Allied source of supplies, so long as the southern and northern flanks hold Von Rundstedt's drive channelized into the area directly west and barren of military objectives of major importance.

At the same time, the German army has stuck out its neck where Gen. Eisenhower's forces can put a major military ax to it. Should the flanks collapse, however, the military situation would take on a much graver aspect.

The German air force's surprising challenge also may react to the Allies' advantage. Out of an estimated 600 to 700 planes put in the air by the Germans yesterday, 200 were shot down.

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CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (AP).—An American communiqué issued yesterday said Tsinan, Japanese air base in Shantung Province, was raided Dec. 24 by "North China-based" planes of the Fourteenth Air Force, stirring some speculation that an agreement may have been reached with the Chinese Communists at Yenan by which American aircraft are flying from bases in Shenai Province.

(A Yenan broadcast recorded today said the Chinese Communist Eighth Route Army, pressing a campaign against the Japanese in western Honan Province, had defeated an enemy force at Hsianghuan, 30 miles east of Loyang.)

A formation of American P-51 fighters struck Tsinan again yesterday and destroyed 29 enemy aircraft on the ground, boosting to 69 the number knocked out there in three days. It was announced today. Forty were destroyed in the Dec. 24 raid.

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ison, who has served as an inspector in the Sixth Air Force in the American theater for the past 11 months, and Sgt. John Duvall, a member of a port company with the Army in France.

Col. Hutchison, a former inspector for the Civil Aeronautics Association, is the son of Mrs. C. R. Hutchison, 743 Westwood drive, Clayton. Sgt. Duvall, whose wife

and daughter live at 5134 Wabada avenue, is suffering from an injured knee which was broken recently when a warehouse beam collapsed during demolition activities and pinned him to the floor.

SOLDIER DIES AFTER ACCIDENT

Pvt. Harvey Edwards, a Negro,

20 years old, died yesterday of a fractured skull suffered in an automobile accident near Tacoma, Wash., his mother, Mrs. Ardell Hudspeth, 3928 Evans avenue, was informed by the War Department.

Pvt. Edwards was stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., and had been in the army since May. He was assigned to an engineering unit.

WOMAN SUES FIRM FOR \$4800
OVER LOSS OF HER MINK COAT

Suit for \$4800 damages for loss of a mink coat was filed in Circuit Court today by Mrs. Francis K. Adams, 69 Lake Forest street, Richmond Heights, against Tupper's Furriers, 705 Olive street. The suit set out that the coat,

turned over to the firm for alteration, was lost in the course of shipment to New York. Mrs. Adams charged the firm was negligent in failing to insure the coat for its full value, which she set at \$2350. She said replacing the coat had cost \$3350 as the result of the Federal luxury tax and increased costs, and asked for \$450 attorney's fees and \$1000

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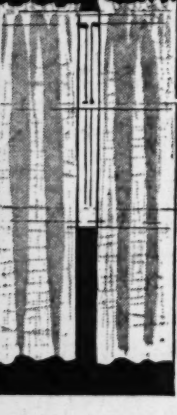


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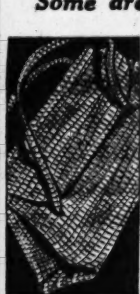
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Slight defects. Round 20 or 22 inch window glass mirrors with stenciled designs.

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Highly decorated, fully bleached cotton damask. Beautiful woven patterns.

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Fully bleached cotton damask napkins, 14x14-inch size. Woven patterns, hemmed edges.

Printed Tablecloths \$1

42x50-inch tablecloths with red, blue or blue floral designs on a white ground. Tub-fast colors.

Throw Pillows \$1

Tapestry tops of floral designs with mossy green trim. 17x17 size. Blue, red, tan. "White" back.

Kitchen Towels, 6 for \$1.19

Made of washed muslin, each finished with over-stitched edges. Very absorbent.

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Mittens \$1

Club mittens for boys and girls. Red and green. Lamb lined with lamb turn-back cuffs.

Neckwear, 2 for \$1

5TH ARMY TROOPS IN ITALY GIVE WAY BEFORE NAZI PUSH

**Strong Enemy Attacks
Made in Sector Held,
at Last Reports, by
Brazilian Forces.**

ROME, Dec. 27 (AP).—A strong German counterattack near Italy's west coast has forced Fifth Army forces to withdraw from advance positions in the Serchio River valley, Allied headquarters announced today.

The enemy thrusts came east and west of the road town of Gal-

licano, some 14 miles inland from the Tyrrhenian coast, after artillery preparation.

(The German communique said Nazi and Fascist Italian troops, in a surprise attack in the Galliano area, "broke through American positions and threw back a formation of the Ninety-second American infantry division." The Germans said many prisoners, mostly Negroes, were taken.

(The Brazilian expeditionary force has been in operation along that sector of the Fifth Army front.)

It was announced here that the withdrawals were made only after bitter fighting, but no details were immediately available.

The Eighth Army front, on the opposite coast, was generally quiet.

The German air force struck again yesterday in the American sector in the center. Anti-personnel bombs were dropped north of San Benedetto, immediately south of Bologna, and around Grizzana, on the southwest.

Allied fighters, fighter bombers and light bombers flew 1000 missions against the German ground forces in Italy.

U. S. BOMBERS HIT MANILA AIRFIELDS 4TH STRAIGHT DAY

**39 Jap Planes Downed,
Clark Field Heavily
Hit by Land-Based
Raiders.**

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEAD-QUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 27 (AP).—Land-based American bombers for the fourth consecutive day blasted Japan's airfields at Manila on Luzon Island, now regarded as vulnerable to re-invasion by Yank forces mopping up in the central Philippines.

Clark field was the principal target as it was in two of the previous attacks. It was pounded Monday with 44 tons of explosives, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today.

The Japanese sent up at least 50 interceptors, of which 39 were shot down by American fighter escorts. Four more were listed as probably downed. The day's bag brought to 72 the total of Japanese planes shot down in 48 hours in the Manila raids. The Americans lost six fighters on the two days.

On conquered Leyte, American ground forces mopped up small and isolated Japanese remnants which, the communique said, were "capable of only minor opposition." During Monday, 899 more of the enemy were killed and 14 captured, at a cost of seven American dead and 21 wounded. Thus enemy casualties for the Leyte campaign were raised to 114,120.

The fighter cover in the Manila raid was led by Maj. Thomas McGuire, of San Antonio, Tex., who downed three Japanese. That brought his total to 38, within shooting range of the 40 credited to Maj. Richard I. Bong, Poplar, Wis., leading American ace.

The Americans got two more Japanese planes over Mindoro Island, invaded by the Yanks Dec. 15. Two more enemy planes were shot down Christmas day over Tacloban air field on Leyte. Liberators raided Mindanao air-dromes and harbors, sinking two freighters, and fighter bombers assaulted the Japanese Silay air-drome on Negros Island.

Medium and fighter-bombers dumped 115 tons of bombs on Halmahera, at Lolobata, Hatetankko and Wassila Bay.

A 2000-ton Japanese cargo ship and a small freighter were sunk by air patrols off Borneo.

BOY'S BROTHER AND DOG HOME FROM WAR FOR CHRISTMAS

William Logue, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Logue, 221 Joy avenue, Webster Groves, was happy enough to have his brother, Pvt. Paul M. Logue, home on furlough for Christmas, but his joy was complete with the return of his pet collie, King, back home from the K-9 corps with an honorable discharge.

Recognizing his master on his release from the shipping crate, King jumped and ran and otherwise demonstrated his delight at being home, Mrs. Logue said. She added that he had been retrained for civilian life and had been accompanied by papers describing his new accomplishments learned in his two years in the service on sentry duty.

"I suppose we will have to take down one of the two stars in the window, now that King is back," Mrs. Logue said. "Before he joined up he was a splendid dog, but now he is magnificent. His Army service has been a wonderful experience for him."

THOMPSON FRISCO TRUSTEE

Frank A. Thompson was appointed sole trustee of the St. Louis-San Francisco (Frisco) Railway yesterday by United States District Judge George H. Moore. The appointment will become effective Monday.

Thompson served as co-trustee of the railroad with James M. Kurn, former president of the road, who resigned his trusteeship last week because of ill health.

Four From Sedalia Airfield Killed. WARRENSBURG, Mo., Dec. 27 (AP).—Four flyers stationed at the Sedalia Army airfield were killed Monday in the crash of a C-47 transport plane south of Harrisburg, Pa. Lt. Col. James R. Wergin, acting commander of the base, announced. None was from the St. Louis area.



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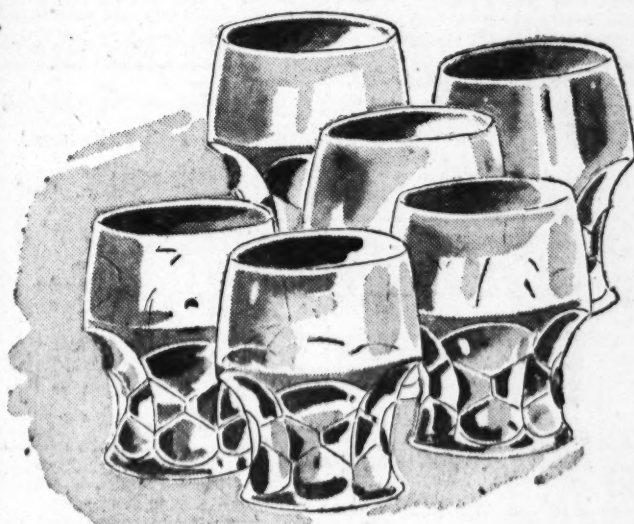
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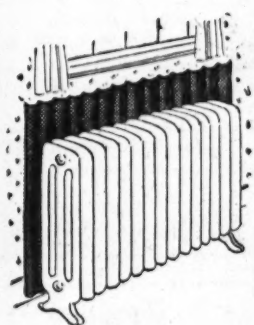
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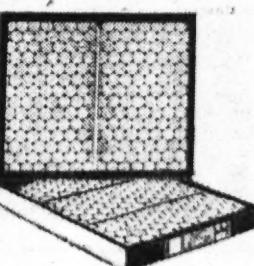


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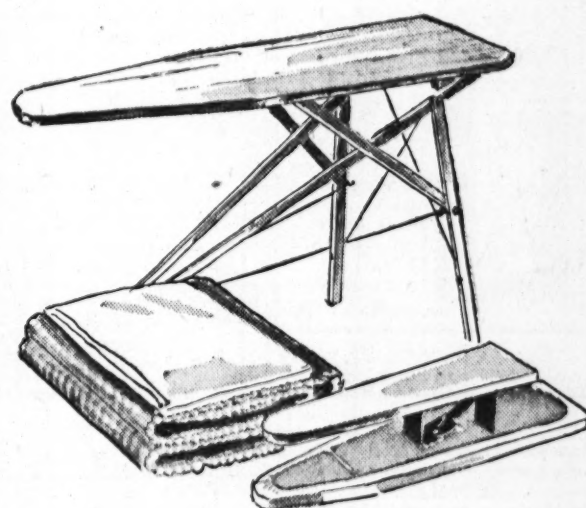


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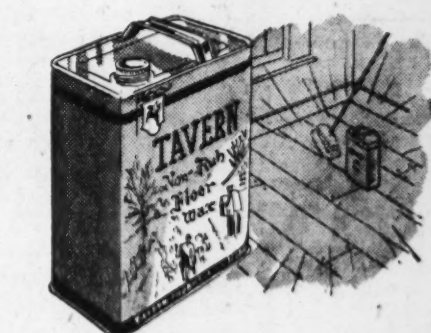
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GROWING 'BIG THREE' RIFT RESULT OF U. S. FAILURE TO TAKE LEAD, WELLES ASSERTS

America Could Have Compelled Creation of United Nations Council to Implement Moscow Declaration a Year Ago, He Says—Three Suggested Steps.

By SUMNER WELLES
Former Under Secretary of State.
(Copyright, 1944.)

AS the year 1945 dawns, the American people face a future which seems less certain than at any moment since the war began.

At the very time when our armed forces are making their greatest sacrifice to speed the final victory, the objectives for which they fight seem less assured than they did three years ago.

There has become evident a wide, and growing rift in the basic political understanding between the three major allies. Unless the rift is repaired, unless unity of policy and unity of purpose between the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union can be restored, not only can no valid international organization be established, but no lasting peace settlements can be concluded.

The people of the United States were led to believe a little over a year ago that the signing of the Moscow Declaration meant that the major powers would agree upon the settlement of all post-war problems.

Implementation Needed.

The Moscow Declaration is no more than a formulation of common objectives. Without implementation it is of no more practical value than the Kellogg-Briand pact.

The Moscow Declaration should have been, and was intended to be, the starting point of a further agreement. By this second agreement a council, similar to the Security Council subsequently recommended in the Dumbarton Oaks proposals, would have been immediately set up. Such a council would have set continuously until the end of the war and would then have been merged in the future international organization.

It offered the best method whereby political unity could have been maintained between the three great powers and whereby the lesser powers could have had a fair hearing.

The failure of this Government to insist upon such implementation—at a time when it was in a position successfully to do so—is now bearing its bitter fruit.

The British and Soviet governments have arrived at a further lateral understanding. As is now publicly admitted, these understandings provide for a mutual recognition of "spheres of influence." Great Britain has obtained an apparent upper hand in Greece and Italy, while the Soviet Union exercises predominance in the Balkans and in eastern Europe.

Italy, Greece and Poland.

The British Government has asserted its authority in Italy and in Greece. It has controlled the composition of a new Italian Government. It has used armed force in Greece to repress one political element in that unhappy country.

The announcement by the State Department that the United States disassociated itself from the British policy, that it regarded "the composition of the Italian Government as purely an Italian affair," and, subsequently, that "this policy would apply to an even more pronounced degree with regard to government of the United Nations in their liberated territories," constituted a statement of principles which are inherently sound. But made when and as it was, the effect was altogether disruptive.

Mr. Churchill's retaliation was swift. He promptly announced that the British Government officially supported the solution of

ARMY MAIL STOLEN IN FRANCE; 56 BAGS FOUND IN NANTES

4950 Cartons of Cigarettes, Large Quantities of Tires and Food Also Recovered.

PARIS, Dec. 27 (AP).—The United States Army is investigating the theft of mail in connection with black market activities as the result of finding 28 pouches and 56 sacks of mail along with other Government property in an abandoned Army truck at a civilian home in Nantes.

Also recovered were 4950 cartons of cigarettes, 150 gallons of gasoline and large quantities of Army truck tires, food and clothing.

The truck driver, missing three weeks, was discovered badly injured in a civilian hospital. It was not ascertained whether he was implicated in the theft.

The French Finance Ministry is preparing a double blow against the black market, war profiteers and counterfeiters by calling in old banknotes up to 200 francs for exchange, according to members of the finance committee of the Consultative Assembly.

According to the assemblymen, an even exchange will be made up to 200 francs per individual in new bills for the old. Persons holding more than 300,000 will be forced to turn the balance to the Government, bonds carrying 1 1/2 per cent interest and the old bills will be declared void.

Persons holding more than 300,000 francs will be required to show their source of income.

When Nazi 'Devil Man' Was on Defensive



This German photo, received through a neutral source, shows GEN. HASSE ECCARD VON MANTEUFFEL—the Devil Man—(second from right), conferring with officers during Nazi preparations to resist Allied invasion of Europe from the west. Von Manteuffel now is commanding the Fifth Panzer Army in Marshal von Rundstedt's counteroffensive.

Japan Hit by 1500 Tons of Bombs In 30 Days of Superfort Raids

Gen. Hansell Summarizes Results of Saipan-Based Blows—Foe's Largest Twin-Engine Bomber Plant Knocked Out.

By VERN HAUGLAND

SAIPAN-BASED Superfortresses, turned loose on Japan Nov. 24, dropped 1500 tons of bombs the first 30 days, completely knocking out the enemy's largest twin-engine bomber plant, crippling a second aircraft factory, damaging Tokyo's crowded waterfront and blasting Nagoya's shipyards and power plant.

"The B-29 airplane has proved itself a magnificent weapon of war," said Brig. Gen. Haywood Hansell Jr., Chief of the Twenty-first Bomber Command, in summarizing the results today.

The accomplishments, authenticated by reconnaissance photographs, are but a foretaste of what can be done to Japan after the lessons of the "early experimental stages" have been learned, Gen. Hansell said.

"Japan is bleeding internally now," his statement concluded, "and while the cause of this internal ailment is easily diagnosed, there is no cure for it that the Japanese can devise until the war with Japan is ended."

Two B-29s were lost in the first month over the targets and an undischarged number of other Superfortresses went down at sea as operational casualties of the 3000-mile roundtrip flight from Saipan. More than half the crews have been rescued.

"These operational losses have in no sense been heavy" and they have been fewer than expected, Hansell said.

Some of the results: "I believe I can say flatly that the Hatsudoki plant (Nagoya's producer of twin-engine bombers and fighter planes), largest of its kind in Japan, is at this time out of business with at least 40 per cent of its buildings destroyed or gutted by fire."

"The Kokuki (aircraft) plant (at Nagoya) has also suffered extensive damage with resultant interruption of production."

BLANKET WEIGHING ONLY FEW OUNCES POSSIBLE IN FUTURE

Monsanto Co. Tells of Experiments With New Insulation.

The possibility that bed coverings in the postwar world may weigh only a few ounces and afford greater warmth than the heaviest woolens was suggested today by the Monsanto Chemical Co. as resulting from a method of treating one of its products, an insulating material derived from silica.

The substance, called Santocel, weighs as little as three pounds per cubic foot and is about twice as efficient as cork in point of low thermal conductivity. Its use has been limited by its vulnerability to water, however. A process to make Santocel water-repellent was perfected recently by the General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

A Monsanto spokesman said the material now is in commercial production and that the Army has shown interest in its use in connection with textiles. It can be quilted into blankets and used in life jackets and life rafts. Its insulating properties result from the large number of dead air pockets it contains.

NAZI GENERAL GEIB DIES

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP).—Gen. Theodore Geib, commander of a German army group, has died of wounds received on the Western front, the Berlin radio said today.

The broadcast, which described Geib as an artillery officer, said he had received fatal head wounds soon after receiving his command.

ATOMIC BOMB USED IN NAZI OFFENSIVE, SAYS REICH RADIO

All Life 'Ceases to Exist' Where It Falls, Propaganda Station Asserts.

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP).—A German radio station which has been trying to panic the Belgians ever since opening of the Nazi offensive said today Field Marshal Karl Rudolf Gerd von Rundstedt's forces were using an atomic bomb in the new attack.

"This is the type of bomb on which the Allies had claimed to have a monopoly," the announcer said. "Germans used it at St. Vith. Wherever such a missile is dropped all animals and plants cease to exist. Huge areas of land are scorched, woods are consumed, and any human being caught in the hurricane is shattered to smithereens."

A Stockholm dispatch said the Germans had erected a 190-foot tower, equipped with some undeterminable apparatus, on the Danish island of Bornholm which is the scene of continuing intensive experiments with V-weapons.

The Free Danish press service, which carried the dispatch, said that big "demonstrations" were being held by the supreme commander (Gen. Eisenhower) to help stop the Germans, but whether they are or not and why obviously is a question to be put to supreme headquarters.

MANCHESTER IS NEW TARGET OF V-1 BOMBS, NAZIS SAY

Attacks on North England City Called Important Military Factor.

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP).—Berlin said today that the Manchester area had been struck by V-1 bombs, indicating either that German pick-back planes were making sweeps toward Northern England, or that an improved type of V-1 had a longer range.

(Censorship has not permitted British correspondents to comment.)

Describing the V-1 bombing of the textile city as an "important factor" in the military situation, a broadcast declared:

"The Allies see now there is no defense against V-1 or V-2."

Some areas of Northern England, untouched by enemy air activity for two years, were struck by V-bombs before dawn on Christmas. Homes were flattened and some persons were killed.

UNITED PRESS REPORTER KILLED IN NAZI AIR ATTACK

A TOWN IN BELGIUM, Dec. 23 (Delayed) (AP).—Jack Frankish, 30-year-old United Press war correspondent, was killed by enemy bombing today.

Other correspondents were injured slightly. Four dive bombers raided a hotel in which American newspapermen were temporarily quartered. After the first bomb dropped, Frankish ran out of the hotel. As he stepped out on the gravel path he saw a second bomb falling from one of the planes which was making a return sweep.

Frankish tried to get back into the hotel, but the bomb landed within 18 feet of him. A fragment struck him in the back, killing him instantly. Three Belgian soldiers nearby also were killed. Correspondents injured included George Hicks of the Blue Network; Harold Denny of the New York Times; and Neil Sullivan, a Pathe News cameraman.

Nazis Discount British Aid, Try To Split Allies

Propaganda Also Seeking Information on Montgomery's Plans.

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP).—The German propaganda machine is trying to make capital of the military situation on the Western front.

A broadcast last night by the propaganda agency International Information said that "Eisenhower is forced to meet the German onslaught mainly with American divisions" because Field Marshal Montgomery "so far has given up none of his Canadian or British formations."

"The behavior of the British command in the West is a most significant sign among developments in the area of the German offensive," the broadcast said.

"The Mass front of the Twenty-first Army Group (Montgomery's command) has been the quietest in the west for weeks. Montgomery has taken all measures to insure that the collapse of the (United States) First Army should have no repercussions on his own front."

"Only two days ago he had to send one division to the area of the First Army, but the British commanding general still is anxious to avoid taking part in the campaign of the Americans."

Such propaganda was considered here an attempt to split the Allies and fish for information about Montgomery's dispositions.

A dispatch from Paris, seat of supreme Allied headquarters, by Associated Press Correspondent Edward Kennedy said:

"German patrols have been probing for weak spots on the British-Canadian fronts in Holland and the big withdrawal from that area would serve German interests."

"French and United States Seventh Army troops in the south have the job of containing the Germans in the Alsace pocket and in the past 24 hours have engaged in brisk fights northwest of Colmar and cleared up a large German infiltration into their lines."

"Further information on this subject is naturally not permissible at the moment, as it would involve data on the disposition of troops."

In London, a British military commentator, discussing scarcity of information concerning the part taken by British forces in the current crisis, said:

"In the first place we don't know that big British troops are not being used by the supreme commander (Gen. Eisenhower) to help stop the Germans, but whether they are or not and why obviously is a question to be put to supreme headquarters."

Army Hospitals in U. S. Well Run, House Group Says After Visiting 89

Report Lists Some Changes Recommended to War Department After Investigation That Resulted From 'Disquieting Rumors.'

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP).

EXCEPT for isolated cases of such things as "dehydrated" patients and the use of old eggs, Army hospitals got a clean bill of health today from the House Military Committee.

A preliminary report prepared by H. Ralph Burton, general counsel, said that, generally speaking, sick and wounded soldiers were receiving the best of treatment, their food was excellent, recreation facilities were adequate, and equipment was of the finest.

The committee said its investigators inspected 89 hospitals in 20 states and the District of Columbia.

Result of Rumors.

The investigation, it explained, resulted from "rumors of a disquieting nature that sick and wounded soldiers in many instances were being crowded into inadequate, crude, uncomfortable, makeshift hospital buildings, often inadequately equipped and insufficiently staffed with doctors, nurses and attendants."

"Whatever may have been the situation," prior to the investigation, it said, "with few exceptions the results following the investigations have been decidedly reassuring."

The committee said it had cited to the War Department conditions in unidentified hospitals which "warrant attention."

Of one hospital the committee had this to say: "No air conditioning of any kind in operating rooms; windows must be kept closed even in the hottest weather. It is difficult for surgeon and staff to operate under such conditions. Patients often become so 'dehydrated' as to require the administration of intravenous fluids in order to assure recovery."

Eggs Nine Months Old.

The report continued: "Eggs served in one convalescent hospital were found to have been inspected nine months previously. The committee representative can attest to their odoriferousness when opened. Catsup was used to disguise their evil taste."

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JOSEPH PULTZER.

April 10, 1907.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

There Are Big Differences

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

There is still an unfortunate tendency for many Americans to confuse Russia and Germany and make such loose statements as "There's really no fundamental difference," or "They're both dictatorships, aren't they?"

This type of fuzzy thinking can not only obstruct prosecution of the war, but weaken chances of postwar security.

One has only to study the literature that has come out of the two countries to see the differences, and they are enormous. Whereas German polemic constantly talks of "master race" and assaults democracy and freedom, one finds none of this in the articles of Ilya Ehrenburg, Alexi Tolstoy, Konstantin Simonov, etc.

These Russian journalists constantly talk about the friendship and equality of races inside the Soviet Union and of all the world's races. They emphasize freedom and democracy.

Whether Russia has a simon-pure democracy now—who does, for that matter—is not the issue. The fact that it is paramount is that its people are being educated toward democracy. They are being made to understand race tolerance, the dignity of the individual and the glories of the freedom heritage. This is not a path taken by a brutal dictatorship that hopes to maintain its autocratic privilege.

We do not find this in German education. There the idea of regimentation and racism is a continuous strain, extending from the reign of Frederick the Great. A study of German philosophers, such as Fichte, Hegel or Nietzsche, is enough to show its prevalence through every stratum of German thought.

That Russia's educational emphasis on racial tolerance and freedom is paying dividends can be affirmed by a glance at the countries she has sent her troops into. I have seen no newspaper accounts of Russian troops being forced to shoot down groups of Yugoslavs, Romanians, Bulgarians or Poles.

The Polish question has been agitated greatly in this country—much to the detriment of any smooth solution—but I am perfectly willing to let our Government act according to its own knowledge. The agitators have not been able to point out one instance, though, where groups of Polish people in the liberated area fought the Red Army or have been mistreated by it.

We do not have to apothecize Russia to recognize that she has made tremendous strides forward from the old authoritarianism of the Czar. It is to our self-interest to recognize this. There has been much laudable educational work done on the part of the United States and newspapers such as the Post-Dispatch occupy the front rank in this effort, but there is still much to be done. The old confusions remain, and Fascist elements at home will continue to exploit them.

The present cavilling about Russia's war effort is a case in point, and could not possibly gain any audience if it were not for this confusion. The facts about Russia's present strategy are certainly not known by the average American, so how can we judge what actions the Russian High Command thinks necessary for its over-all plan?

We must recognize—it is only necessary to read current headlines—that the German enemy is still strong and capable of damaging blows. The Russians know this well. They have had long and bloody experience with this enemy, and doubtless this experience is incorporated into their plan. It is significant that they are still moving and have suffered no reverses of import to the implementation of their plans.

I'm afraid we will have to resign ourselves to letting the Russian High Command work out its own strategy. It does not seem willing to relinquish this to anti-Soviet commentators and journalists in the United States. No doubt that will be better for all of us in the end, and this ghastly blood-letting will be finished that much sooner.

SGT. JOHN HAM.

MacLeish: Visionary Idealist

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

Archibald MacLeish, writing in the Atlantic for November, tells us that, if the world can be taught to believe in the worth and dignity of man in his "characteristic perfection," it can be taught not only to survive but to live. Otherwise we are doomed, for it is a lack of faith in this belief which opens the road to tyrannies and dictatorships that have no choice but war. This theme he calls Humanism, a prime specific for bigotry, puritanism, vulgarity, Victorianism, complacency and a host of other human frailties and shortcomings.

There can be only one conclusion: Mr. MacLeish is a visionary. Senator Clark said he couldn't understand MacLeish's poetry. Neither, I think, would he get much understanding out of this article. Doubtless he would do much fretting and stewing and be more than ever opposed to Mr. MacLeish as an Assistant Secretary of State.

There is no question about the goodness and sincerity of Mr. MacLeish, but his brief for a condition of intellectual utopianism is so far ahead of the times, so remote from realism, that there is little hope of ever attaining it.

ARTHUR JOHNSON.

Marceline, Mo.

The President's Task

On the surface, the Seventy-ninth Congress which will assemble after the turn of the year to work with Franklin D. Roosevelt in his fourth term should be more willing to implement his policies with legislation and appropriation than the expiring one.

The new Senate will divide in formal party attribution just as the last one—57 Democrats, 38 Republicans, one Independent, but not so the House, which balanced 212 to 212 in the Seventy-eighth Congress, while there will be 243 Democrats and only 190 Republicans in the new one.

It is well, however, to keep in mind, as Raymond P. Brandt pointed out yesterday, that the lineup of the new Congress "assures effective restraints (upon the President's personal will) by a combination of Republicans and Democratic anti-New Dealers as in recent sessions."

This means that the President will once more be confronted by the requirement of employing persuasion—his most effective talent, but which on occasion he is unwilling to employ—as in the court fight or the purge, when he was angry, or in recent remarks about the Atlantic Charter, when he thought he was being clever in his essay of avoidance.

It is to be hoped that he will give earnest attention to the task, rather than the lick and promise that Congress has received in recent months, one of the causes of its discontent.

It is not so much the nature of the opposition that justifies the President's heed to the situation on Capitol Hill; since 1938, it has been a curious welding of the wooden handle of G. O. P. party-liners and the pewter spoon of Southern geographical Democrats. What is important is the program for winning the war, making the peace and cushioning the shock of the country's reconversion, and the President can't even get started on these without the co-operation of the Congress.

This makes it of the greatest importance that he cease to by-pass the legislators on Capitol Hill, but employ the full panoply of his arts of education and persuasion, that they may learn the necessities to be met and the reasons for the means proposed.

As Mr. Brandt has indicated, the international security organization and the peace settlements probably will be the major issues in the next four years. Certainly these are the subjects closest to Mr. Roosevelt's heart. In addition, he has given piecemeal endorsement to specific items of domestic policy, from which a pattern of his fourth-term program can be sensed.

It includes the broadening of our social security system, along lines to be evolved from the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill, a proper extension of the concept of the original 1935 statutes; a program for the expansion of our industrial plant and production, to implement the campaign pledge of 60 million jobs; the Missouri Valley Authority and other regional developments similar to the TVA; the creation of a new executive instrumentality for national planning, of the general nature of the former National Resources Planning Board; the passage of anti-lynching and anti-poll tax legislation; and Federal aid to education in the poorer states.

Here is an ambitious program, in practically every element of which Mr. Roosevelt has a keen interest, in many of which active opposition can be expected, and which he is not likely to be able to force through just because he wants it—he will have to inform, explain, argue, persuade.

The matters are of such immense importance, embracing the whole shape and pattern of our world at home and abroad, that it is of the very essence of our democratic process that the people, through their representatives in Congress and their organs of discussion throughout the country, participate actively in the determination upon the various proposals, and understand them before they give their consent.

That was one great trouble a quarter of a century ago, when victory on the battlefield became Dead Sea fruit here at home. President Wilson, though theretofore a most persuasive pleader, allowed himself to be so irritated by the tactics of a partisan opposition that the people withdrew their faith in his crusade for a League. It is of the utmost importance that President Roosevelt not make this same mistake. He will have difficulty enough in winning the body of his program, even with all his arts and talents.

Wisdom From the Mikado

Japanese militarists industriously foster the myth that the Mikado knows everything, is divinely inspired, infallible in judgment and never makes a mistake.

So now, when Japan's conquered empire is shrinking and shriveling under daring, powerful American attacks, when Gen. MacArthur announces conclusion of the Leyte campaign with terrific losses to the defenders, when B-29 raids on Tokyo and other industrial centers are of almost daily occurrence, the Emperor opens the Diet with a rescript containing this sentence:

"The war situation is becoming more critical." Many other utterances of the Son of Heaven are going to be refuted, but there's a mouthful with all the authority of divine inspiration and infallible judgment behind it.

Vultures in Uniform

When things go wrong on the home front and military supplies are lost through theft or fraud or strikes, a major concern of loyal citizens is for the bad effect on soldiers overseas. Now, with disclosure of widespread thievery and black-market operations by American soldiers in France, there is danger of cynicism and disillusionment both at home and abroad. Certainly the group of soldiers who forgot their obligation to their comrades deserve condemnation as severe as that bestowed upon greedy obstructors and profiteers at home.

Fortunately, our military courts in France realize the gravity of these offenses, and are imposing heavy penalties—25 years for selling 600 gallons of Government gasoline, 15 years for sale of 11,000 packages of cigarettes and smoking tobacco, life for disposing of a truckload of supplies, and so on. Ordinarily, these would be severe sentences. In war, with the safety of our fighters and the maintenance of morale at stake, they are in order. Vultures in uniform, who see a chance for easy money and think a truckload or so from the easy stores will never be missed, ought to be deterred by these

stiff sentences, if not by concern for their buddies or for the people at home.

Also, the French authorities ought to follow suit and impose equally severe penalties on those among their own people who are involved in this shameful racket.

Advice of the Senate

Talleyrand, asked what he did in the French Revolution, answered somewhat smugly, "I survived." The role of the Senate in the field of foreign affairs has been similar—that of a usually passive bystander who watches the storms brew and pass over, and weathers them unscathed. Although the Constitution enjoins the President to make treaties "by and with the advice and consent of the Senate," the advice has been seldom sought and the consent often withheld.

The internationalist team of Ball, Burton, Hatch and Hill would change all that. They want the Senate to offer the advice by resolution, informing the President what principles and practices that body will endorse. With the security organization issue coming up, agreements with other nations to be reached and treaties to be ratified, the B2H2 combination sensibly seeks to do two things: to lead the nation by expressing public opinion on foreign policy, and to tell the world what stand we are likely to take on international co-operation.

There is no question here of infringement on the presidential power, fortified many times by Supreme Court decisions, to direct our foreign relations. It is a question only of making the legislative branch more alert to the whole pattern of foreign affairs, and of putting it in better position to carry out those presidential policies of which it does approve. Mr. Hull, in consulting with a bi-partisan Senate committee on the Dumbarton Oaks proposals, set a precedent, as did the Fulbright and Connally resolutions. Ball, Burton, Hatch and Hill want to put those precedents into practice, creating new and needed liaison between the executive and the legislative branch which holds veto over his treaty-making power.

For the first time, in foreign affairs, we may get the horse before the cart.

Key to Internal Policy

In signing the billion-dollar authorization bill for a flood control program, Mr. Roosevelt said he was doing so "with the distinct understanding that it is not to be interpreted as jeopardizing in any way the creation of a Missouri Valley Authority, the establishment of which should receive the early consideration of the next Congress."

This is Mr. Roosevelt's fourth public endorsement of MVA in as many months. With it he makes the line of domestic policy quite clear. The Federal Government, in those areas of resource development where it has traditionally operated, will follow the great precedent of TVA. Public works will be wealth-creating projects, not least-making projects. They will be, wherever possible, regional and autonomous—close to the people instead of remote from them and concentrated in an already over-centralized Washington.

It is good news for the nation, which must have jobs that create still other jobs. It is great news for our own valley, which can never realize its natural destiny without MVA.

A Monetary Phenomenon

The British Treasury has just exchanged an issue of its 2½ per cent National war bonds for Exchequer bonds at 134 per cent, a step which Barnett Ravits, writing in Barron's National Business and Financial Weekly, suggests "was probably grooming the structure of low interest rates for the postwar era." It also may be another straw in the wind to show the presence of John Maynard Keynes in the middle 1930s in predicting that interest rates would approach zero.

This curve was down through the Great Depression in America as well as Britain, France and the Low Countries and, in contrast to World War I, the outbreak of the war in 1939 did not reverse the trend. Laymen find it hard to understand how increasingly astronomical sums can be borrowed at lower and lower rates. This plays hob with the quantity theory of money and credit and gives comfort to iconoclasts who deem money an amusing mythological device.

Britain's debt is mounting fast, but in Mr. Ravits' view, "the greater their debt grows, the more unlikely it will be for interest rates to rise soon after the finish of the war, for the same pressure to keep carrying charges on indebtedness to a minimum will be operative in peacetime."

When John Stuart Mill said a century ago that "the public debt is a public blessing," he had reference to the availability to the British investor of the new "consols," as the bonds in the consolidated debt were known—and not to the desirability of owing money the United Kingdom could not ever hope to pay. Yet we doubt if even his fecund mind could have imagined the interest rate nearing nothing as the debt mounts to the skies.

Cash for Re-exports

Under her new trade agreement with the United States, Britain will pay cash for any goods from this country it expects to re-export. "It is no part of the (American) Lend-Lease Act," Prime Minister Churchill has informed his country, "to provide general relief, or to provide for postwar reconstruction or to aid our export trade."

This warning against delusions of largess from America came on the heels of the President's word to Congress that lend-lease is an aid to combined war supply, not a new war debt to us.

It is plain that these statements were made to quiet apprehensions on both sides of the Atlantic. Some Americans feared that United Kingdom demands would drain us dry, some Britons that we would deprive them of iron, steel and other commodities their industries must have for their international trade to revive.

"We shall pay cash for any additional supplies we may wish to take from the United States for re-export purposes," Churchill said—and this is as it should be, on both sides. A huge postwar hurdle has been by-passed, to the profit of both countries.



NEGLECTED BEACON

Press Can Win Back Confidence

The Mirror
of
Public Opinion

Last election another demonstration that much of public distrusts papers, publisher declares; Fortune figures indicate chasm between papers and control in counting room; papers need to become tribunes again, improve their news and editorial content, he says.

From a Mellett Memorial Address by Mark Ethridge, Publisher of the Louisville Courier-Journal, at Kent, O.

It is not necessary to argue the question whether the newspapers which opposed the administration were right or wrong in the recent election to make the point that most of them cannot supply evidence that they had the slightest influence upon the result.

In the areas of mass population which returned great majorities for the administration, the overwhelming weight of circulation was against Mr. Roosevelt. Between the thinking of the men who guided the editorial destinies of our greater newspapers and their subscribers, there is a great gulf of misunderstanding and a great lack of confidence.

Moreover, since the same thing has happened repeatedly in the past 20 years, more is implied than a temporary falling out between the newspaper and the public.

Don't Think Press Free

All newspaper men are aware of the results of a Fortune survey made in 1939, and the editors of Fortune say the figures still stand. Forty per cent of the people say they get their news without reference to newspapers. A fourth of the people get their news from radio. Thirty-nine per cent of the people say radio does a better job, 49 per cent say that radio is freer from prejudice, 17 per cent say papers are.

As to whose interpretation of news they prefer, those who answered rated radio commentators highest, newspaper editors second, columnists third. Almost half our readers, says Fortune, believe we soft-pedaled news too unfavorable to politicians or friends of the publisher or to business.

Almost 37 per cent believe the press is not free in the sense that it is being restrained by politicians, capitalists, government, advertisers, or, more strikingly, by the predilection of the publishers themselves. Of those who don't trust us, the highest per cent, above 22, lay the blame on the publishers themselves.

It is not sufficient for us who are newspaper men to say that of course the public is wrong. It is obviously a basic lack of confidence which shapes the judgment. We in the newspaper business know that it simply is not true that on any self-respecting newspaper advertisers have any sort of control, or even influence, beyond what any other citizen might have—but that does not dispel the public's feeling that the publisher is craven enough to submit to peremptory demands.

Causes of the Breach

Newspaper men, particularly publishers, should ask themselves from what does this breach in mutual understanding proceed.

What sort of erosion has gone on to create a Grand Canyon between the thinking of the press and the people?

Unless there is a better measure of reconciliation between the press and the people, the people will undertake to make their own construction of the first amendment of the Constitution and move legislatively to correct what they regard as abuses in the press.

We can, at least, make a start toward reconciliation with the people if we come back to the concept that freedom of the press means their right to have the truth in our news columns, without the taint of prejudice, without bias, without favor.

Too many publishers are not content to give the reader an even break by giving him pure and unadorned news stories, but must resort to the dishonesty of editorializing their stories. The public is not so dumb that it doesn't know what goes on.

There is ground to believe that when the people guaranteed freedom of the press, they were reserving to themselves a special tribune against untruth and, of course, against tyranny. We are not any longer a tribune but a business. It becomes almost flippant, certainly dishonest, to tell somebody else in these days that he can start a newspaper if he doesn't like yours.

Money Is Required

The newspaper business has gone beyond the stage where a man with ideas or even brains can start a newspaper. He must have money. Since he does have money, he is most often either a capitalist or one who is acceptable to those who put up the money. He is not likely to have merely the notion that he wants a paper. As a newspaper operator he becomes absorbed in manifold business details.

Few American newspapers are run from the editorial side. Most of the publishers' time, most of the executives' time, most of the energy of the highest paid people goes into doing things wholly incidental to printing news professionally and giving editorial advice that has character and the element of social or civic leadership.

What I am getting at is that too many newspapers have lost the perspective that comes from detachment and are in effect, though they do not realize it, organs of business. They cannot talk about a rounded America because they cannot understand the minds of organized labor, of the white-collar worker or the farmer.

A Warning to Publishers

We newspaper publishers must somehow get ourselves out of the position of being regarded along with manufacturers as the natural enemies of labor or the oppressors of white-collar workers. We must come to understand that there is no good for any class or group that does not go directly to the question of the general good. Our devotion must be given to the whole people rather than to any group wherein we fancy lies our special interest. The application of that concept would do wonders for the editorial pages of the country.

We need another element to win our public back to confidence. We must make the focal point for the brains of the establishment the news and editorial rooms and not the counting office. It is the sheerest waste of money to spend munificently there and starve the most vital spot in the newspaper.

The most effective work a publisher can do is to give most of his time and effort to the news and editorial content. The easiest way to get and hold circulation, to obtain advertising and to make money, is to spend money on news content. I find that a good many of a paper's business problems take care of themselves if people like to read it.

FAST GOING.

From the Illinois State Register.

Spain has developed a train which takes curves at 80 miles an hour, like Franco reorienting himself politically.

Story of the PAC's Success
Told in Pamphleteering Vein

"The First Round—The Story of the CIO Political Action Committee," by Joseph Gaer. (Duell, Sloan & Pearce, New York.)

Guests, delegates and reporters at the seventh annual convention of the CIO at Chicago last month were recipients of a special printing of Mr. Gaer's book. After a week of drum-beating and of talk about PAC's future, the book filled in some of the gaps in the facts which justified the celebration.

Actually, the author has hastily put upon paper the reasons for PAC, an account of its genesis, mushroom-like growth and general success despite the venom heaped upon it by most segments of the press and radio. Gaer, the man behind the excellent pamphlets produced by PAC in the heated pre-election days, has strewn his collection between the several chapters. Without them, unquestionably, no history of PAC could claim completeness. The remainder of the book discusses the personalities on PAC's side, the 24-hour-a-day job performed by its workers, the vicious opposing campaign of its enemies.

PAC, the author points out with the same emphasis given both by Philip Murray and Sidney Hillman at Chicago, is not a pressure group. It is, he asserts, an educational force, intent upon awakening the citizenship to its civic responsibilities.

What the book suffers in crudeness and bad taste on the strictly literary side is compensated by its author's enthusiasm and devotion. The question presents itself as to whether a hard-hitting pamphleteer could turn himself loose in writing a book, a medium altogether different from political pamphlets. There is no doubt that if the objective of a book is mass appeal, this one should find wide favor—among trade unionists and their friends, at least.

ARTHUR W. HEPPNER.

A Handsome Holiday Token

No less certain than the coming of Christmas is the appearance at each Yuletide of a little book, gem of the printing art, from the Trovillion Private Press at the Sign of the Silver Horse, Herrin, Ill., sent forth as a token of remembrance by Violet and Hal W. Trovillion. Makers of the best in little books, giving themselves with devotion to the art of printing, they know no better way to send something of themselves to their friends, and these know no better gift that could come to them.

For this Christmas, the book is titled "Visitation at Thatchcot." It is a symposium of little journeys to the home of the Trovillions as recorded by Harry R. Burke, literary editor of the Globe-Democrat, and F. A. Behymer, staff correspondent of the Post-Dispatch, with a frontispiece etching by the late Jesse P. Henry of St. Louis. The 490 copies printed and sent all over the world are numbered and autographed by the Trovillions.

Another little book of the season from the Trovillion Private Press is "No More Dogs at Thatchcot," issued in memory of the dogs that have been theirs and in pledge of the purpose that there will not be another "unless we change our minds."

A Book on Political Bossism

"It's All Politics," by Lewis Abrahams. (Samuel Curt, New York.)

This, by its author's frank statement, borne out by the substance and style of the book, is not a scientific study or a detailed analysis of politics. Its aim is to strike another blow to cast off the shackles of political serfdom, and to break the hold of practical politics on democratic institutions. The author's method is to discuss various phases of political activity, mostly on the shady side, with brief biographies of 10 notorious state and municipal bosses.

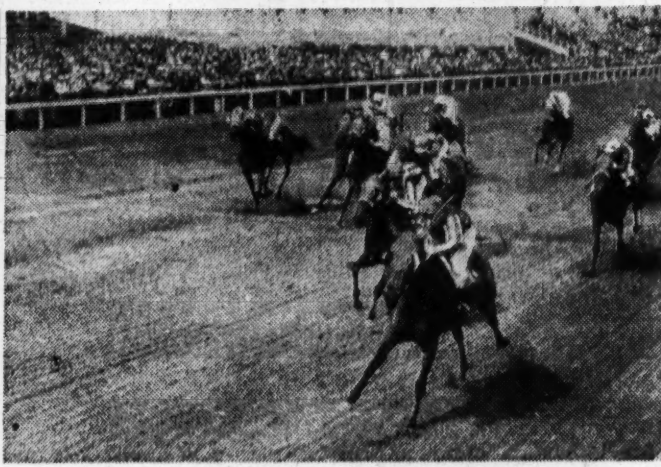
WRAY'S COLUMN

Pro Sports Take One on the Chin.

PROFESSIONAL sports really took a sock on the chin from your Uncle Sam Saturday. . . . Wartime needs will knock out horse racing Jan. 3 and also threaten professional baseball, football and perhaps every sport. Dislocations of employment will be numerous. . . . You wonder what, for example, is going to become of all the superfluous horse flesh now masquerading as racing material. . . . And what of all the help required on the breeding farms and on race tracks. . . . And that's only one activity involved.

On the average, about 700 persons are employed around each race track. . . . In summer time as many as 10 of these are simultaneously active. . . . Associated supply industries involving many employees are also connected with racing—food, equipment, etc. . . . The livelihood of many persons who are not of military suitability will be affected.

In addition, there are some 13,000 race horses in training during each year. . . . About the only way out for hundreds of these is the sausage grinder—for many are owned by persons too poor to maintain inactive stables. Jockeys will go back to taxi driving. . . . Or perhaps some of



Beginning of the End

Finish of the first race of the Tropical Park racing meet in Florida, which opened Christmas day. About the time this race was run the announcement was made that all horse racing in the United States would be suspended on military grounds starting Jan. 3. OUR DAMSEL (nearest the camera), paying \$21.10, is winning the Tropical Park opener.

them will find their way into service uniforms, if old and big enough. The three talked-of profession-

al football leagues might as well fold up now until war requirements have been satisfied. . . . And when they do, that will be more or less merciful, because a three-league pro-football war isn't likely to have any happy result.

What will happen to professional baseball is just your guess and mine. . . . But baseball is more likely to survive than any other professional sport. . . . It has come under fire of wartime critics now and then. . . . Observers with boys in the combat zone have occasionally been unable to understand why professional athletes were able to carry on athletic competition and still be unfit for military service.

Talk to your draft board members and you'll get the answer. He'll Have to Go Back to Shaving.

"WELL, it looks like I'll have to go back to the shaving and hair-cutting business," remarked our barber this morning as he seared our epidermis with a hot towel. "Yes, I saw where Uncle Sam saved your life by wrecking the horse racing game," we retorted. "Don't be that way," he came back. "I don't gamble. I'm a sure-thing guy when it comes to the horses."

Again we begged to be informed. "Well, it's this way with me. . . . I handle other people's money. . . . My customers ask me if I know where I can place a bet. . . . And do I know! . . . So I get their money down." "Yes, yes. . . . Go on. . . . And where do you come in on the money end of the game?" "Say, ain't you never been around? . . . I get a commission for giving my friend, the hand-book man, the bet. . . . It's just like that."

"Sure thing. . . . Okay. . . . What kind of a commission do you rate?" "Where have you been all your life?" disgustedly commented my scraper as he nicked me with the edge and stropped the carbide with some alum. . . . "I get 40 per cent of all the bookmaker wins on the bets I place with him. . . . Not a dime do I risk! . . . Furthermore, the guy pays my telephone bills."

"But suppose all your customers turn out to have winning bets?" we inquired. "Oh, well, what's the use of talking to you? . . . I can't lose, and sometimes I make real money. . . . I've had as much as \$300 a month coming to me, my share of going to the telephone and calling in some sucker money. . . . Now, see—that's all out after Jan. 3. . . . I've got to get back to polishing my ugly mug and getting a nickel tip. Ain't war hell?"

Yes, friend—it's going to be quite hectic for the horse-racing fraternity, especially the group known as the hand-book trade. . . . There being no horse races anywhere, there won't be any hand-book betting, unless they start racing dogs or turtles. In St. Louis, it won't be so terrible, because the Police Department started a squeeze play that almost put the boys out of business a year or more ago. But in Chicago and New York, where the heavy sugar goes over the counter, a lot of persons are going back to the munitions plants and help us win the war. . . . Which isn't such a bad idea, either.

Referees Needed for Parochial Cage Games

If he gets a sufficient number of referees, Rev. Mel. Keane is sure to have a record number of teams in his Parochial Schools basketball league, he said today. Persons who wish to be assigned to referee games, one afternoon per week, may reach Fr. Keane at 1009 South Sixth street, GA. 0110. League play opens next week.

LAST NIGHT'S FIGHTS

By the Associated Press
BROOKLYN—Max Baer, 148½, Montreal, outpointed Ernie "Cat" Robinson, 145½, Jamaica, N. Y., 12 rounds.
165½, Brooklyn, TKO Charlie Jones, 164, New York.
JERSEY CITY—Irish Jimmy Mulligan, 171, Boston, knocked out Tiger Lou Jones, 169½, Fort Chester, N. Y., 4. Artie Tedesco, 143, Jersey City, outpointed Jackie Connors, 143, Newark.
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. — Phil Palmer, 141½, Vancouver, outpointed Vince Laszlo, 144½, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., 8. Dave Field, 160, Brooklyn, outpointed Dave Carver, 168, New York, 6.
NEWARK, N. J. — Frankie Leta, 132½, Irvington, N. J., outpointed Clint Miller, 125½, Elizabeth, N. J., 12 rounds.
NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — Ted Lowry, 180, New Bedford and Camp MacKall, N. C., outpointed Jimmy Reed, 172, Trenton, N. J., 10.
At Pine, 105, New Bedford, outpointed Bobby Snow, 161, Waterbury, Conn., 6.

Canada Weighs U. S. Race Ban; Taxes a Factor

TORONTO, Dec. 27 (AP).—Dominion officials said today they would study the United States order directing horse and dog tracks to close by Jan. 3, but disclosed provincial authorities and racing associations would be involved in any decision.

Canadian betting supervision is vested in the Minister of Agriculture, and Dominion officials may halt betting at any track, but the actual racing is governed by associations in the provinces. Both provincial and Dominion authorities are interested in taxation revenue from the tracks.

Federal officials said transportation and other requirements of racing have been constantly reviewed in the light of war needs in the last two or three years.

Should racing be permitted here while the ban is on south of the border, Canadian tracks probably would be flooded with better horses from United States tracks to give the Dominion one of its outstanding seasons.

While Federal officials gave no hint as to whether the United States lead would be followed, many track officials indicated they were ready and willing to suspend operations should the Dominion request such action.

Among those who said they were "ready to go along" were Fred Livingston of Thorncliffe Park; Col. K. R. Marshall, president of the Ontario Jockey Club, operating Woodbine Park, and Thomas Anderson of the Metropolitan Racing Association.

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L. Hahfeld 209	L. Hahfeld 611
J. Schneider 237	J. Schneider 642
G. Thien 227	G. Thien 596
E. Vordtriede, 222	E. Vordtriede, 639
Hap Burke, 260	Hap Burke, 682
R. Ude, 236	R. Ude, 671
Vern Ames, 172	Vern Ames, 451
M. Sedlak 187	M. Sedlak 531
Ann Ciencia 204	J. Frit 580
G. Paul 233	G. Paul 588
St. Anthony's	St. Anthony's
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Joe Overberg, 255	Joe Overberg, 678
W. Light, 278	W. Light, 613
L. La Beaume, 207	L. La Beaume, 580
Ny. Corral	Ny. Corral
Bob Harvey, 238	Bob Harvey, 638
Rich Ostala, 246	Rich Ostala, 612

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Joe Smethkall 221	Joe Smethkall 593
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Tony Walczak 267	Tony Walczak 614
T. Cooper, 241	T. Cooper, 692
Cherokee SW Alleys	Cherokee SW Alleys
A. Griffin 201	A. Griffin 801

Blue and Gray Game Dec. 30. MONTGOMERY, Ala.—The annual Blue and Gray football game will be resumed here Dec. 30, with Lynn Waldorf of Northwestern and Carl Snavely of Cornell again coaching the Northern team. Southern coaches are to be named later.

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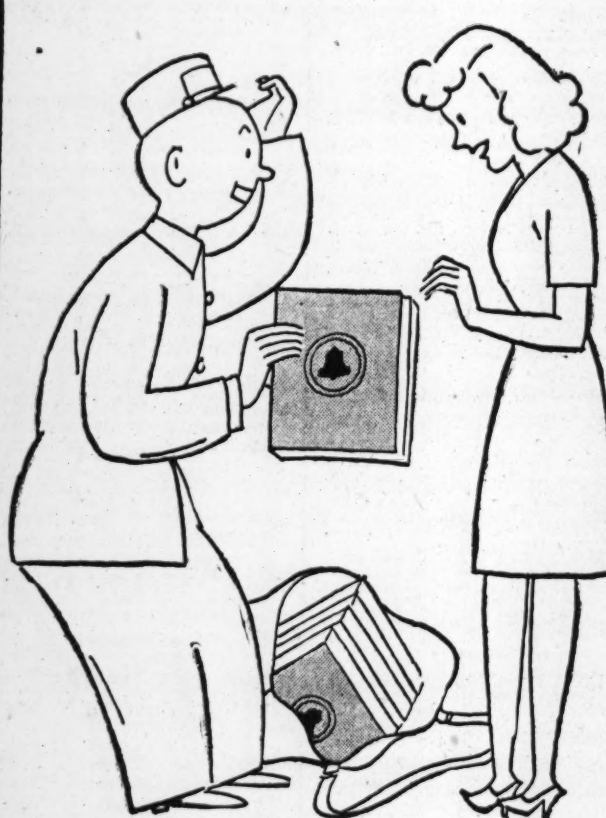
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WITH the peace will come a new invasion — when 22,000,000 sportsmen will take to America's forests, lakes, and streams. This estimate is conservatively based upon the 30 percent increase in fishermen and hunters which followed immediately upon the first world war.

If the nation-wide postwar increase in fishing and hunting merely equals that of 1918—and with more than twice the number of men under arms in this war, it should be far greater—the State of Missouri will have to provide fish and game for 715,000 sportsmen.

The Conservation Commission of the State of Missouri has a record of outstanding achievement. But the prospect of such a tremendous assault upon wildlife brings a grave



problem and obligation to all responsible for its preservation as one of the State's greatest assets.

In sounding to the nation as a whole this warning of imminent demands and needs, OUTDOOR LIFE does not presume to suggest specifically what must be done by any state authority. That, obviously, is for each state alone to determine—in terms of its individual conditions and requirements.

Hence, to the State of Missouri and its Conservation Commission, we offer any aid and co-operation within our power to help meet this crisis—and we are confident it will be met successfully by those who have made the State so attractive to resident and visiting sportsmen.

We will welcome information concerning new plans and projects so that we may publicize them for the benefit of others. Correspondingly, the information we have gathered from many sources is at the disposal of the State's Conservation Commission.

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tears; green earrings, keys.
Reward: \$500. Call near end of
reward. DA 9075.

DIAMOND RING—Lost; amt?
Thursday; south side; reward.
5353.

DIAMOND RING—Lost; Christmas
card. FL 0506.

DOG—Lost; licensed; black, curly
coated; spayed; collar with
name Frisco; reward. NE. 2.
4214A West St. Ferdinand.

DOG—Lost; brown, white female;
terrier-collie; answers Phob.
33373. Reward. FO. 063.

FOUR—

DOG—Lost: small; male; black; long
 shaggy mane; male; at Chouteau
 neighborhood. Reward: \$25.
 DOG—Lost: black; small; male;
 brown ticked legs; reward: \$25.
 DOG—Lost: male; small; tan;
 license 18906; reward: \$25.
 DOG—Lost: dark brown; near Hi
 2093.
 DOG—Lost: black; tan;
 license; reward: LA 1432.
 DOG—Lost: black; small; male;
 place on Grand car; reward: RV
 546.
 LARKING—Lost: pearl center; green
 feathers; yellow; black; white; and
 yellow. Park bl. Dec. 22; re-
 ward: \$25.
 GLASS—Lost: child's hairbrush (a
 towel shawl); Tivoli Theatre or
 Herald. Reward: \$25.
 GOLD FINGER RING—Lost: a
 gold ring; reward: \$25.
 GOLD WATCH—Lost: lady's; a
 cutless; reward: RV 546.
 HAMPTON, Berthold; reward;
 \$25.
 KEYS—Lost: in brown leather ca-
 shmere. Gil 4883.
 MAN—Lost: in real coat by
 H.M. Gray, or leaving St. Louis to
 go to Granite. Reward: \$25.
 Dec. 18; please mail to Pvt. M.
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KODAK—Lost; lot rear Bieder 8th and Franklin. Winfield 2.
LADY'S COAT PIN—Lost; shape vicinity Union Market Tuesday noon; reward \$10. FL. 5758.
LAPSEL WATCH—Lady's; in vicinity 22nd and North Market; please turn to 2229 Maiden lane; \$.

LAPEL WATCH—Lost; 7th and
Keepsake. RO. 1843.
LOCKET AND CHAIN—Lost; gold
sake; reward. LA. 4811, after 6
MEDAL—Lost; white, oratorical
ward. CE. 0500.
OVERNIGHT CARE—Lost; shirt,
razor, etc.; reward. ST. 1788.
POINTER—Lost; white, male,
spots, one of elms on rump; lost
on Ivanhoe; reward. RO. 3711.

FURSE—Lost; black; Dec. 24;
White cab; money, papers, etc.
return to 3512 Sullivan, FR.
Reward.

FURSE—Lost; black; McCausland
St. p. m.; sailor's wife;
money; \$25 reward, Call HEM.

FURSE—Lost; brown leather; in
mutter's, Wed. Reward. PA.

RING—Lost; in or near St. Louis
try Club; gold heirloom; 2
pearls, 1 emerald. TE. 3-337

RING—Lost; man's; Zircon at

CITY Hall; reward. FL. 61
PR. 2603.

SCOTTIE DOG—Lost; name H.
Saturday afternoon; reward. GIL.

SUIT—Lost; man's, new gray pin
downtown, Saturday; reward.
4816.

WALLET—Lost; brown; vicinity
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tents; sailors identification
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gift from husband overseas; r
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WRIST WATCH—Lost: man's,
proof: Southampton.

WHIST WATCH—Lost: lady's West 7-jewel; vicinity 7th. Spruce; reward. LA. 9902. 6-7 p. m. Pro. 2180.

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the a meeting of the stockholders of **MISSISSIPPI VALLEY TRUST COMPANY**, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such business as may properly come said meeting, will be held at the office of the Company, southwest

City of St. Louis, State of Missouri, January 8, 1945.
meeting will convene at 9:00 a. m. and remain in session 12:00 o'clock noon.

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The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the General Engineering & Co. for the election of Directors will be held during the ensuing year.

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ST. LOUISANS FIGHTING IN NOTABLE UNITS

11 in Italy in Celebrated Organizations—Others Elsewhere.

Eleven St. Louisans are members of two celebrated units of the Fifth Army in Italy—the Eleventh Armored Infantry Battalion and the Twenty-seventh Armored Field Artillery. Army dispatches reported today.

When the Eleventh was put ashore under fire during the North African landings in November, 1942, it became one of the first two American infantry units to make contact with German forces. After holding the Anzio beachhead for four months, the unit fought through to Rome, crossed mountains in Northern Italy and waded the Arno River with the first troops to reach the northern bank.

St. Louisans in Battalions. St. Louisans who are members of the battalion are Pfc. Joseph A. Colombo, 5322 Daggett; Pfc. Ray A. Cantrell, 7717 Minnesota; Cpl. William E. Houghkirk, 8664 Washington; Pfc. Ernest L. Trobaugh, 2801 Belt; Sgt. Joe P. Ventimiglia, 2547 Bacon; Pfc. Mike P. Soroka, 3860 Hamburg; and Pvt. Emmet F. Bellville, 3850 Texas.

The Twenty-seventh participated in the original landings at Oran, North Africa, in November, 1942, and was credited with stopping a major German counter-attack at Medes-el-Bah. It went into action at Salerno, Italy, when the first Allied invasion of continental Europe was made, and also fought at Anzio.

Men from St. Louis who are serving with this outfit are Capt. Edward A. Zwart, 4020 Hartford; Pvt. Rudolph J. Diviki, 1926 South Twelfth; Pvt. Thomas L. Rodgers, 716A Cole; and Pvt. Leonard L. Sherman, 741 Bayard.

Captures Many Towns. Ten St. Louis soldiers are listed on the roster of the 397th Infantry Regiment of the 100th (Central) Division which is a part of the United States Seventh Army in eastern France.

In a drive spearheaded on the flanks by the French First Army, the 397th slugged its way through the middle of a huge German force and captured many key towns on the way to Strasbourg and the Rhine.

Men from this area who are members of this unit are Sgt. William T. Wenzel, 4228 Junata; Pfc. Donald L. Hanson, 2030 Switzer; Tech. Sgt. Tony Bodilovich, 6412 Hancock; Pvt. Frank D. Gambro, 2674 Edwards; Pvt. Eugene W. Herr, 5222 Devonshire; Pvt. Stanley N. Caplin, 1020 Sidney; Pfc. John C. McDonald, 5026 Maple; Pfc. Arthur C. Sherrer, 5444 Arlington; Pfc. Roy Klund, 7102 Michigan; and Pfc. Stanley G. Wright, 8713 Pamplin.

Hauled Supplies Under Fire. First Sgt. Henry P. Ernst, of 7100 Michigan avenue, is a member of an amphibious truck unit which ferried supplies from ships to the beach before the Germans were driven from important French ports, an Army dispatch related.

Although all four wheels of his jeep were knocked off when a German 88-millimeter shell struck the vehicle, Lt. Oliver J. Bussen, a member of an engineers' unit, and two companions were uninjured, an Army headquarters dispatch reported. He is the husband of Mrs. Helen M. Bussen, 6345 Bancroft avenue.

Sgt. Lawrence A. Palke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Palke, 6287 North drive, University City, and Pvt. Samuel P. Buffa, 2630 Gurney court, are members of a field artillery observation battalion, which plots and locates German guns and directs Allied fire in France reported.

Using concealed microphones and electrical plotting and timing devices, the unit speedily computes the exact positions of enemy guns and directs artillery fire on enemy positions.

Sgt. Robert C. Feder, whose wife lives at 4221 South Thirty-seventh street, is serving with a transportation unit which is operating a huge supply depot at L'Hermite in Brittany.

Wounded at Mazières. Staff Sgt. James B. Jacobs, who was wounded in the right arm in a bitter house-to-house battle in the French village of Mazières, is recovering in a hospital in England, medical officers reported. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Jacobs, 202 Coal Bank road, Baden.

Cpl. Theodore W. Yemm, a member of an armored division at the Siegfried Line, recently met his brother, Pvt. Howard Yemm, who is a mortarman with an infantry division. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore E. Yemm, 3502 Hawthorne boulevard.

"Deadeye Dispatch." Despite innumerable handicaps and the constant threat of Japanese infiltration, Pvt. John J. Archibald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Archibald, 1238 Goodfellow boulevard, and other members of the staff of the "Deadeye Dispatch," the mimeographed daily newspaper of the Ninety-sixth Army Division in the Philippines, rush the latest news to the muddy foxholes of their comrades at the front, an Army dispatch related today.

Working in a blackout tent by the light of an oil lantern, the staff writes and edits foreign and domestic news picked up from shortwave broadcasts and keeps a daily box score of the number of Japanese killed and the number of "sniping" days till Christmas. Archibald is art editor.

Sgt. Harold W. Rayfield, husband of Mrs. Margaret Rayfield of 3405 Caroline street, stuck to his waist guns to fight off enemy fighter planes recently when his crippled bomber limped to an emergency landing field in Belgium after a raid on a German industrial plant, an Air Force dispatch reported.

Sgt. Rayfield, who holds the Air Medal, is a member of a bomb group which has been awarded two presidential unit citations.

St. Lo Survivor



AL CLOUNTS

CARTER FIRST IN SMOKE TEST

James H. Carter, acting smoke commissioner since last April, ranked first among three persons who took a recent Civil Service examination for the position of Smoke Commissioner and is expected to be appointed to the job by Director of Public Safety H. D. McBride.

R. Elliott Searce, Director of Personnel, announced the results of the examination yesterday. Mayor Aloys P. Kaufmann has pressed the hope Carter would be retained as Smoke Commissioner. Carter receives \$4800 a year, the minimum salary, which may be increased to a maximum of \$6000 after five and a half years.

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JOSEPH E. SIPPY DIES AT 79

Joseph E. Sippy, 3007 North Spring avenue, one of the owners of the Empress Theater, died of infirmities of age today at Barnes Hospital. He was 79 years old. Surviving are his wife, Mrs.

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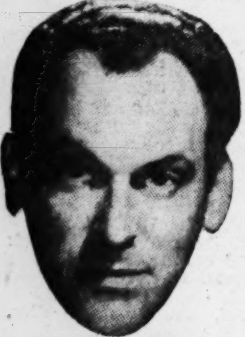
None, in Fact

Moss Hart Denies Gold Garter Rumor

By Earl Wilson

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.

"LOOK," said Moss Hart, to your convivial, connubial and corpulent correspondent, as he hauled up his pants leg like a dame lifting her skirt, "do you see any gold garters?"



MOSS HART

Do you see ANY garters?" I was horrified that a man of Moss Hart's station — I believe it's the 59th St. station on the Lexington Av. subway — would be garterless.

Various and sundry writers, including those on the Sundry Inquirer, have peddled prose about his alleged gold garters, so I figured he'd be wearing gold garters, around his lean, long neck. Especially since he was with a bunch of generals with gold stars, who were here for the opening of his great movie, "Winged Victory."

"Oh, I know all about poverty—and they can have it," said the famous bachelor, playwright and director, who not only gave a couple years of his time to "Winged Victory," but also paid his own expenses. "I've not ridden the subway since my first big play in 1930," he said. "I did once have a pair of gold garters given to me, but I don't even know where they are. I've made a couple million, but I'm practically broke again."

WE WERE IN AN Army Air Forces car, heading out to LaGuardia Field, where The Hart was going to meet The Hat (LaGuardia) and christen a B-29.

"I have two horrors," Hart said as he huddled inside his yaller scarf. "One's to go to a hospital without a private room. The other's to be so broke I'd have to go to Hollywood and stay there."

"What's wrong with Hollywood?"—not that I didn't know.

"I LOATHE THE PLACE! It's an exile—an exile from life." (Darn good, huh?) "You make so much money, but you're unhappy, so you buy a big house you can be unhappier in. The radio people beg you, 'Please, please, take some more money.' A cook, who went out there, sent me a postcard saying, 'It's beautiful I don't like it.' There's nothing wrong with Hollywood a good earthquake wouldn't cure."

Quickly we arrived at the airport and soon I shot up into the nose of the great super-fort. The nose of the B-29, while much bigger than the nose of my B. W. doesn't get in nearly as many strange places, and if my B. W. wants to take that as personal, I wish she would. I looked down. There was LaGuardia in a big black hat, and Hart, hatless. The hatless Hart and the hatless Hat stood gabbing in the wind, some of which no doubt came from them. Later I sneaked in a question, "Why, no hat, Hart?"

"It's my last faint link with youth," he said.

HART HAS LOTS OF hair—in short Hart has his own moss—deathless line—and he said he's anxious to write some new plays and gather a few stones. He figured the \$350 a week he can grab from "Dear Ruth," the stage hit he directed, will scarcely pay for some wonderful operations already ordered by a fond aunt. I see I have been frivolous with the old moss-covered bucko, but I really wanted to scream, some of Broadway's admiration for him and his work on "Winged Victory." What's his line? "Absence makes Moss Hart grow fonder." Nuts Today he's one of our greatest men, and certainly one of the most eligible, which is just an excuse for repeating what Oscar Levant said once when he saw Hart entering a place with a Miss Jones. Said Oscar: "Here comes Moss Hart and the future Miss Jones."

I will wind up this paean by saying he'll never fit the description he concocted for another Broadwayite: "His rugged exterior covers a heart of stone."

BROADWAY'S GIVING a big warm hello to Tommy Dorsey, the Sentimental Gentleman of Sock, and his pretty wife Pat Dane. Tommy did a guest appearance with brother Jimmy Dorsey at the Capitol and then took his own band in there, still playing "the slush pump," his trombone.

Tommy's not mad at anybody. His broken nose looks O. K. and although his right thumb's out of joint, you can't tell it. MGM since the battle had him make two more scenes for the picture, "Thrill of a Romance." In talking of his wife, I noticed he referred affectionately to her as "my old lady."

"Tell me Tommy," I asked, "was that just a pat on the shoulder?"

T. D. evaded the question, but said, "Well, it was enough to start a beef about." Tommy doesn't want to get any more publicity about the battle. He wants to forget it.

CARL BRISSON, the handsome dimpled romantic singer, young-looking and lean-waisted although he's a granddad and father-in-law of Roz Russell, returned to the Versailles in white tie and tails. Promptly the dames, including my B. W., started sighing. Fok Paaris was one who looked dreamy as he crooned while standing on a chair or sitting on a piano. Her escort was H. B. Smith, the old man. Another one moved by the singing and the "bravos" was Mrs. Hattie Silverman, wife of the late Sime Silverman, who said, "I'm going to swoon over you." Brisson, a close friend of the lady, said, "I hope you still can, dear."



U. S. ENGINEERS AT WORK ON MINDORO

United States engineers repairing the roadbed of a rail line between San Jose and nearby San Agustin soon after Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces invaded Mindoro Island, in the Philippines. This is the first photo received showing Yanks on Mindoro.

—Associated Press Wirephoto via U. S. Army Signal Corps Radio.



Seventh Army Yanks Shelling Nazis



An American Seventh Army mortar crew pumping shells into Nazi positions from an emplacement just off the main street of the Alsatian-German border town of Lauterbourg, southwest of the industrial center of Karlsruhe.

—Associated Press Wirephoto.

ICE SKATERS IN FOREST PARK

Ice skaters at Grand Basin in Forest Park as they gathered around a small fire at the edge of the ice to rest and warm themselves yesterday. Other skaters used Jefferson Lake and Post-Dispatch Lake in Forest Park and lakes in O'Fallon and Fairgrounds parks.

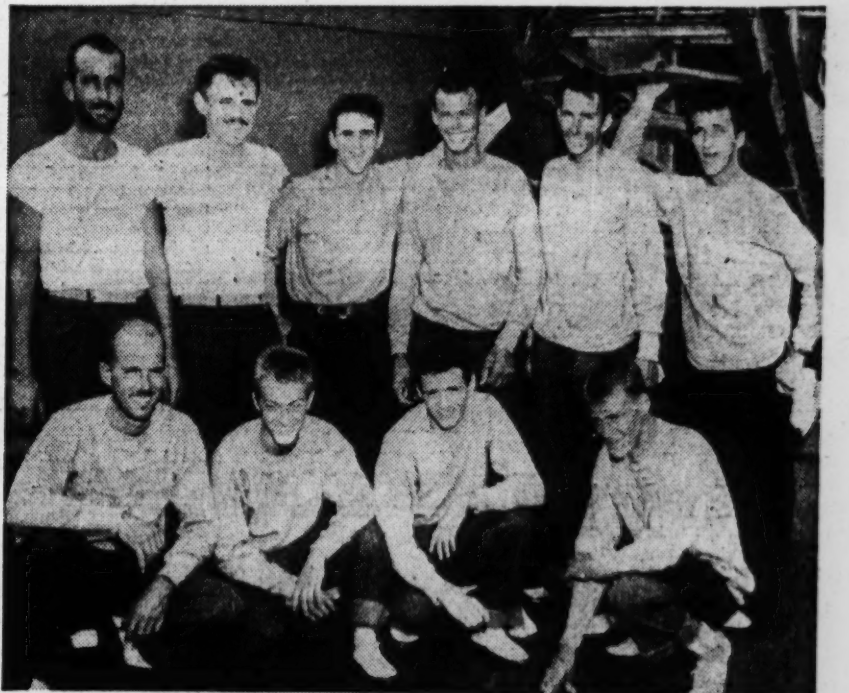
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DRAMATIC MOMENT IN CHAPLIN TRIAL

Charlie Chaplin (left) standing with Joan Berry and her 14-month-old daughter Carol Ann to permit study of their facial characteristics by Los Angeles jurors in the trial of Miss Berry's suit to have the movie actor named as the father of the child. Miss Berry's counsel suggested the procedure.

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ST. LOUISAN, B-29 CREWMEN RESCUED

Cpl. Orville J. Granneman of St. Louis, (second from right, back row) stands with fellow crewmen of a Superfortress who survived a water landing in returning from a raid on Tokyo Dec. 3 and spent 11 days afloat on three rafts before being rescued by a destroyer. The co-pilot of the plane was lost. Granneman's wife lives at 3841A McRee avenue. He entered service in December, 1942.

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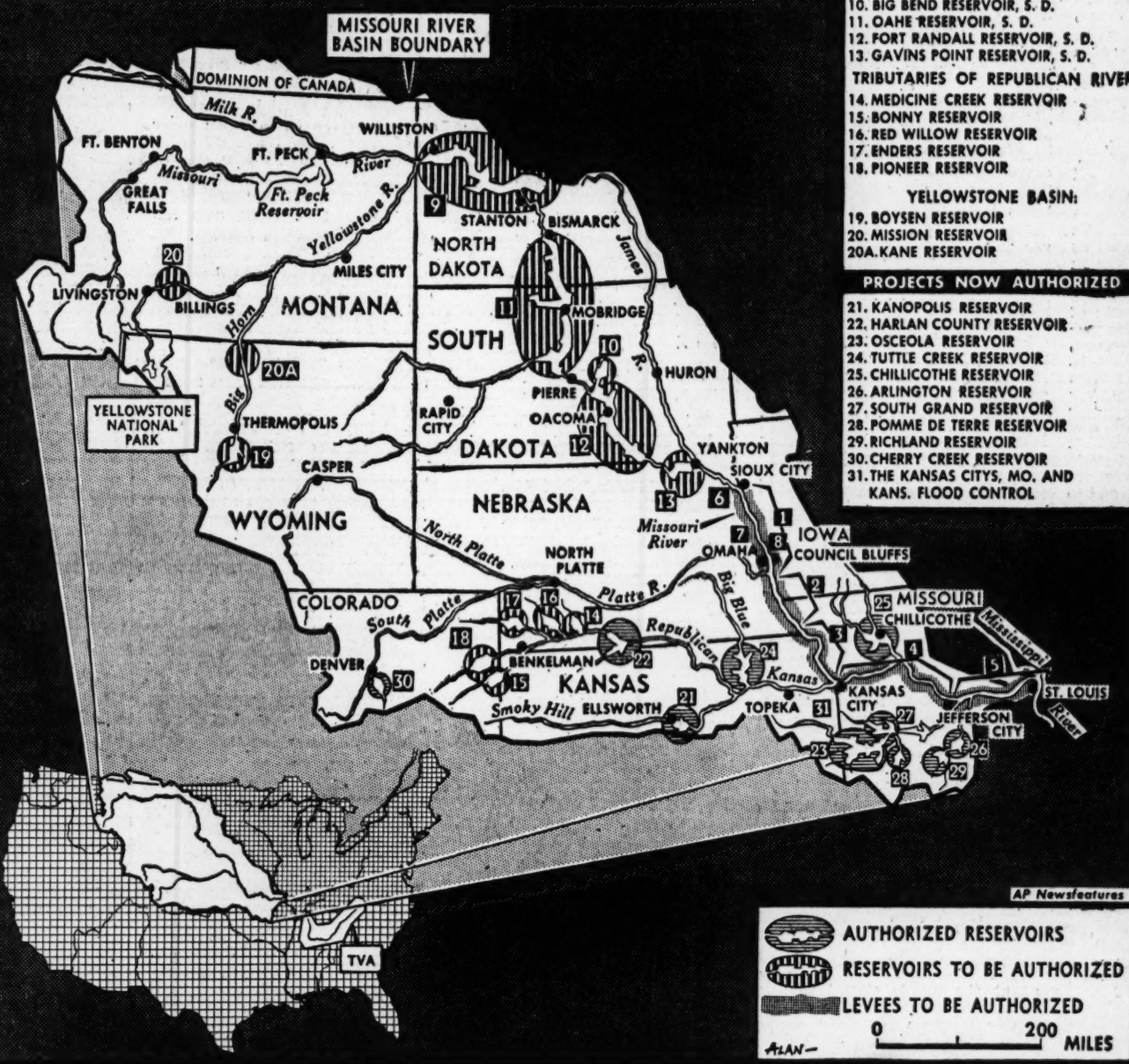
RECEIVES BRONZE STAR

Staff Sgt. William G. House (right), a St. Louisan, is congratulated by Brig. Gen. Jesse Auton at an Eighth Air Force fighter station in England, after receiving the Bronze Star medal for meritorious achievement as a ground crew chief. Sgt. House lived at 5543 Cabanne avenue before entering the armed forces in August, 1942.



NEW ERA FOR THE GREAT PLAINS

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has asked Congress to authorize a basic engineering plan for the Missouri River basin, to be supervised by a Missouri River Valley Authority similar to the TVA. Here is a synthesis of plans drawn up by the Army and the Interior Department which may in time bring vast new power, irrigation, navigation and flood-control facilities to the 529,000-square-mile Missouri valley.



● This map shows the basic engineer plan authorized by Congress in the flood control bill for irrigation, flood prevention, power generation, navigation and other purposes in the Missouri River Basin.

● In recommending enactment of this plan, which includes a co-ordination of the separate proposals made by the Army Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, President Roosevelt said he hoped a Missouri Valley Authority would be set up to carry it out. In signing the billion-dollar flood control bill last Friday, the President said he did so with the understanding that it in no way jeopardizes creation of an MVA. The projects included in the plan are authorized for construction after the war, but funds for them are not appropriated.

● Creation of an MVA to take over the vast program and apply to it the principles which the TVA has used so successfully in the Tennessee Valley is expected to come before Congress early in the next session in bills to be offered by Senator James E. Murray of Montana and Congressman John J. Cochran of Missouri.

● The flood control bill as passed authorizes (but does not make) appropriations of \$400,000,000 for the initial stages of the plan. Cost of the ultimate development probably would exceed one billion dollars, with a considerable portion to be repaid to the Government from the sale of electricity and from the rates charged for use of impounded water for irrigating farms.

My OPINION

By MARTHA CARR

Dear Martha Carr:

AM a young wife and mother of two babies. My husband is 25 and I love him dearly. But he doesn't act the same toward me as he did before the first baby came. Then he used to brag to everyone what a pretty wife he had, what

Letters intended for this column must be addressed to Martha Carr at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Mrs. Carr will answer all questions of general interest, but of course cannot give advice on matters of a very legal or medical nature. Those who do not care to have their letters published may enclose an addressed and stamped envelope for personal reply.

my house he resents it, and ends by driving her away. The amount of money he gives me for housekeeping simply won't stretch, and though he will often give me more when I ask it he always throws fits. He wants me to go to my old home in another state, with the babies, for a visit, but he won't go along. I don't see how I could manage two babies ages 8 months and 20 months, on the bus trip alone. Do you think I should stay here instead of trying to go home? I love my husband very much but please tell me what to do about these things.

YOUNG MOTHER AND WIFE.

You will be far wiser to remain here. A trip to another state on the over-crowded buses, alone with two babies, would be a nightmare, might even make the children ill. Your husband is not unlike many others in that he seems to think that the time for compliments is over with the honeymoon. He should realize how much a word of praise and little demonstrations of affection mean to a woman, and cease to be stingy with them. Because he is, however, doesn't mean he no longer loves you, is far more apt to mean merely that he has grown thoughtless. He must learn to conquer that jealousy, which will end by making you both unhappy. Every woman needs warm friends, and her affection for them does not detract from that for her husband. As to following you and suspecting you of other men, he is torturing himself needlessly. He should have more faith in you and more faith in himself and his ability to satisfy you and hold your love. He should see to it that you and he have more recreation together. Even though the children are young, you should be able to manage a night or two each week in which you can leave them with some reliable person, and go out to dance, to see a movie, or to visit friends. Most men have little idea what it costs to run a household, but if they see the expenses set forth in black and white they can get some notion of the matter. I have a Budget leaflet which you can use as a model in drawing up one suited to your own needs. If you will send me a stamped, self-addressed envelope I will mail it to you. All these matters can be ironed out if you and your husband will get together and talk them over quietly.

IN ANSWER TO "Just Out of Place": Plenty of the boys like small girls, so cease to be so self-conscious about that lack of height. Stand tall, wear clothes and hats that will give the illusion of height. Socks, as you suggest, may make you look more baffled, but since all your girl friends wear them you will probably feel conspicuous wearing stockings all the time. A stamped, self-addressed envelope will bring you my "Popularity Hints" leaflet.

The Record Makers

By Charles Menees

TIME has come to award this department's "Oscars" for the best popular records and albums of waning 1944. Here they are, for what they're worth (Key: Ca-Capitol; Co-Columbia; D-Decca; H-Hit; V-Victor): Benny Goodman's "After You've Gone" (Co); Stan Kenton's "Eager Beaver" (Ca); Lionel Hampton's "Hamp's Boogie Woogie" (D); Les Brown's "A Good Man Is Hard to Find" (Co); King Cole Trio's "Gee, Baby, Ain't I Good to You" (Ca); Jo Stafford's "Long Ago" (Ca); Cootie Williams' "Red Blues" (H); Bing Crosby's "Swinging On a Star" (D); Andy Russell's "What a Difference a Day Made" (Ca); Artie Shaw's "Jumpin' on the Merry-Go-Round" (V); Johnny Mercer's "G. I. Love" (Ca); Tab Smith's "You, Lovely You" (D). Albums: "Oklahoma!" (D, issued late in 1943); "New American Jazz" (Ca); "Winged Victory" (D); King Cole Trio (Ca); Bunny Berrigan Memorial Album (V). Best release album: "Crosby Classics" (Co). Biggest flops: Perry Como's "Lili Marlene" (V) and Hildegard's version of same (D).

"BLOOMER GIRL," Decca's latest album of show tunes, is sure to be a hit in 1945, especially if more of its tunes catch on. Frankly, the album is not as entertaining throughout as the famous "Oklahoma!" book. As these ears auditioned the huge volume of eight 10-inch records, the Harold Arlen music seemed to become monotonous and the "Tip" Harburg lyrics a trifle dull and nostalgic. But the album has its great moments. Best sides are "The Eagle and Me," by Dooley Wilson, whose "As Times Goes By" from "Casablanca" will soon be released on records; "I Got a Song" (two parts), by Richard Huey; "Evelina" and "Right as the Rain," excellent duets by Celeste Holm and David Brooks. In her familiar comedy vein, Miss Holm does "The Rakish Young Man With the Whiskers," "It Was Good Enough for Grandma" and is more serious on a lullaby "Satin Gown and Silver Shoe." "Sunday in Cicero Falls" is a song that gets better with repeated playing, is done in two parts by Miss Holm, Mabel Taliferro, Matt Briggs and Harold Arlen. Vivacious Joan McCracken does three comedy songs, "Never Was Born," "Man for Sale" and "T.Morra T.Morra." Other songs in the album are "Welcome Hinges," sung by Brooks; "Liza Crossing the Ice," by Miss Holm and Toni Hart; "The Farmer's Daughter," by a singing group called Sons-in-Law; "When the Boys Come Home," by the Five Daughters. Chorus and orchestra for the album are directed by Leon Leonard.

VICTOR NEW GEMS: Tommy Dorsey's "More and More" and "You're Driving Me Crazy"—T. D.'s trombone, singing by Bonnie Lou Williams and the Sentimentalists; Lena Horne's "I Didn't Know About You" and "One for My Baby,"—some good torch singing and accompaniment by a band led by Horace Henderson; Duke Ellington's "Don't You Know I Care" and "I'm Beginning to See the Light,"—catering to the commercial taste; Vaughn Monroe's "The Love I Long For" and "This Heart of Mine"—the maestro, trumpeter turned trombonist, plays better than he sings; Bluebird: Shep Fields' "Sweet Dreams, Sweetheart" and "Twilight Time"—latter a good instrumental side of swell tone the Three Suns do on a hit record that's a sensation in the East; Four Clefs' "Love Has Come My Way" and "You Should Be Satisfied"—good work by a crew that bears watching.

Carotid Sinus Is Vulnerable Nerve Center

By Logan Clendening, M.D.

LIFE hangs on a thread. At least sometimes it does. Usually it hangs on a number of threads, and they are so many and complicated that they compensate for each other. For this reason, in general, man is a pretty tough organism. He can get drunk or doped and fall off a cliff and out of fourth-story windows, and fight in the rain and get a bullet through his chest or his stomach, or stay in a boat in the open sea for days on end, or live surrounded by enemies in trees on a tropical island and still come through and tell the tale. As we have seen in our time, in our recent hours of living. But physiologists have found a few vulnerable places in the body that are really threads, and if they are seriously disturbed, life does flicker out or get pretty much mixed up. One of these is the carotid sinus. It is a small mass of nerve cells lying over the carotid artery in the neck. It is an insignificant set of nerve cells and nobody paid much attention to it for a long time, but of late it has been found that it sends connections to the heart, to the nerves of blood vessels all over the body, to nerves that have to do with the heart rate, the blood pressure and the circulation of the blood in the brain.

A CASE OCCURRED of a man who began to have dizzy spells. They came on in the morning, just as soon as he was dressed, and every once in a while he would do a complete faint just as he sat down to the breakfast table.

He was examined carefully all over, but none of his doctors could find anything wrong with him. His heart, his blood pressure were all right, his nervous reflexes normal, all the chemistry of his blood was within natural limits. Finally he just happened to mention to his doctor that he had recently had to purchase some new collars, and he thought that the doctor a hint, and he found that by making pressure on the neck of this man in the region of the carotid sinus, he could reproduce the dizzy and fainting spells. By simply getting some larger collars that did not press on this carotid sinus, the condition entirely cleared up. It should not be supposed that the functions of the carotid sinus are the whole solution to changes in blood pressure, heart rate and the circulation in the brain. To hear many physiologists talk you would think so. But we are all raddists, and we get on one subject and ride it, especially when it is a new subject, until we lose perspective.

A FEW YEARS AGO it was constriction of the blood vessels to the kidneys that was the basis of high blood pressure. Lots of kidneys were hitched into place or removed by the surgeons and some antihypertensive extract was made up and given to a number of patients. Some favorable effects were observed, but more less that fervor has passed on, and the order of the day is now the carotid sinus reflex. It also undoubtedly has powerful influences. It is one of the threads of life. But life, like high blood pressure, is compounded of a good many elements, and only he who sees all of them is going to be the master who can control all the complications of the organism.

However, by pressure over the carotid sinus in the neck, many functional heart disorders and runaway heart rates can be influenced. The action of several drugs is probably through their inhibition or stimulation of the carotid sinus.

How It Started

By Jean Newton

Our aviators, our paratroopers, our merchant seamen, our sailors, seaboys and marines were formerly children too; but the infantry were peculiarly children, for we have the word from the Latin infants meaning "child." The first step in the evolution of the term towards its military significance was the Italian infant for "boy." Since the pages, attendants, servants, foot followers and soldiers of nobles were made up in large part of boys, to them was applied the name infantia. This meant literally a body of boys or youngsters, and in practice it came to refer first to the retinue and later an army of foot soldiers. Incidentally, now that our 18-year-olds are soldiers, it would seem that the hands have gone completely round the clock. So our English word, "infantry," generic for doughboy and G. I. Joe!

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A Walking Guide to the Ozarks

Otto Rayburn Plans to Give All His Time to Preserving the Lore of the Hills

By F. A. Behymer

A Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch

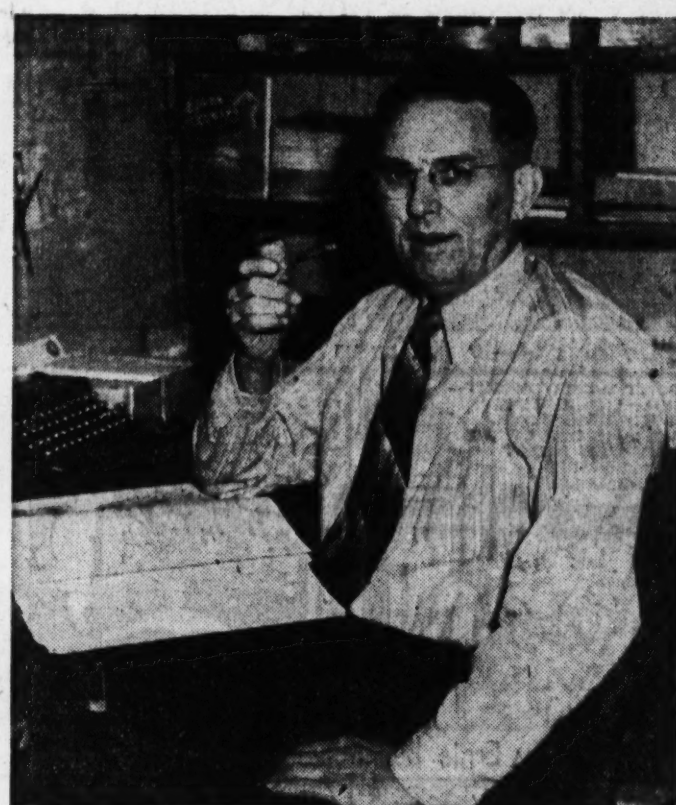
LONSDALE, Ark., Dec. 26. (EXT.)

Ernest Rayburn's last day of school. That day he will clear his desk at Ruraldale Community School, take his books under his arm, close the door and go down the hill to his home place he calls "Ozarkadia," his little white house in the woods, there to abide until his last day of life. It would be more accurate to say the last day of his second life, for with his last day of school he will have ended one life and started another. For 30 years Otto Ernest Rayburn has been a school teacher by profession and a dreamer of dreams by preference. Now he has given one lifetime to teaching, paying his debt to his generation, and is ready to begin another in which he will serve less but be freer to follow more fully his inclinations and go his way unhindered along pleasant paths. It is an uncertain way as far as profits are concerned, but it will pay dividends in contentment and he will be satisfied.

From now on he will write, publish his magazine (Ozark Guide), answer the questions about the Ozarks that come to him from all over the country and from lands across the seas, and minister in the finer things of life to the people of 125 counties in the Missouri Ozarks, the Ouachitas of Arkansas and the hill country of Oklahoma, that he calls his parish. He will be a shepherd of the hills, following in the footsteps of Harold Bell Wright, who lured him here, and paying the debt that he acknowledges for the enrichment that came to him when he was led into this promised land.

It was under this leading that Rayburn, in 1917, before joining up for the first World War, found his way into the White River country and bought 40 acres in the wildest part of Stone County, so that when the war was over he would have something to which he could return. When the war was over he did return to what he called his "hideaway" in the hills, and there built "Hideaway Lodge," where for a few years he lived as a barefoot hermit. It was a satisfying life but after a while there came a call for a renewal of the service for which he had been trained. Emerging from his seclusion, he became superintendent of schools at Kingston, Ark., and continued until now to teach in various places.

On the practical side, Rayburn thinks he has earned recognition by two achievements, the long-distance record in the publication of Ozark magazines and leadership in creating and promoting regional organizations. His Ozark Guide is the latest of the other magazines started by him that died. It has been going and growing since the spring of 1943



OTTO ERNEST RAYBURN. HIS FILES CONTAIN ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT PERTAINS TO THE HILL COUNTRY AND ITS PEOPLE.

folklore, folklore, customs, traditions and primitive beauty of the Ozarks.

Always there was the hope, hardening into purpose, that when he had finished his life task he would enter upon the fulfillment of his long-felt desire to do the things that he most wanted to do. This desire was imperfectly expressed in his little magazine, but it was a beginning. Given the release that he coveted from time-consuming demands he would throw himself with all that he possessed, of talent and devotion, into the realization of his greater goal. Still a hermit in the sense that he loves solitude, but claiming fellowship with the millions common folk who inhabit his parish, he confesses himself a captive of Ozarkian folklore, "sentenced to a life of homespun activity close to the earth, asking no reprieve."

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and by giving full time to it, Rayburn expects it to go and grow better than ever.

As an organizer, Rayburn lays claim to the Ozarkians, the Societies of Hillcrafters and the Ozarkian Poets' Fair. As an author, Rayburn's outstanding work is "Ozark Country," in the American Folkway series edited by Erskine Caldwell.

To those who know Rayburn best he is a voice in the wilderness calling upon the hill people to hold fast to the traditions of their fathers and resist the encroachments of crass commercialism, but he is not opposed to progress or the onward march of civilization. All that he asks is that materialism, in its onward sweep will leave nature's temples unspoiled and that modernism will come to terms with ancient truth and live in peace with it.

Rayburn's undisturbed place is as an authority upon all things that pertain to the Ozarks and the Ouachitas. The proof of that is in the mail that comes and goes at the little postoffice of Lonsdale. The incoming mail is loaded with the questions that people ask and the outgoing mail is loaded with the answers that Rayburn gives. It is a mail-order business that brings no gain to him except the grati-

almost continuously in the Pacific except for two sick leaves. But he was out of the fighting area temporarily during this Christmas season also, and we could all say prayers of gratitude on Christmas night, as well as prayers of supplication for all those in danger on sea, land and in the air.

I am always thankful for every glimpse, no matter how short, of any of our own boys, or of the other boys who are friends of ours and who drop in for a few days when they get a short time out of fighting areas. I try to remember always what an old friend of my grandmother's used to say: "Enjoy every minute you have with those you love, my dear, for no one can take joy that is past away from you. It will be there in your heart to live on when the dark days come."

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West Pass
East Pass

South's jump rebid in hearts, on a five-card suit, to the queen-seven, was horrible beyond words! West opened the diamond jack. Declarer cashed all of his diamonds and the ace-king of spades, then ruffed a spade with the nine of hearts. He then led the heart jack through East and the latter, without giving the matter a second thought, played low. It would have done West no good to hold up the king, so he took that card and after that East made the ace and West the ten, but the contract was safe.

Obviously enough, if East had covered the heart jack with the ace, declarer would have lost not three, but four trump tricks, since West's king-ten-eight then would have been over declarer's trumps. Now let's see whether East could tell whether or not to play the heart ace at this point.

South had shown three diamonds and three spades. He had not discarded on the club ace, hence it was certain that he was not void in clubs. This meant that he could not have held more than six hearts and that West had at least three. What could be gained, then, by passing the heart jack? No matter what hearts West held it could not possibly hurt the defenders' cause for East to cover the jack, and as we have seen, it did hurt considerably for him to fail to cover.

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5. Evergreen tree
6. Lush native plant
7. Pith of a matter
8. Burden
9. Aro
10. Location
11. Half tone
12. Cry of a cat
13. Prepared for
14. Printing
15. Not ready
16. Nothing
17. Tibetan month
18. Biblical
19. Adherent
20. Jogs

DOWN
1. Preceding night
2. Bones
3. Medicinal plant
4. East Indian weight
5. Numbers at one's command
6. Kris case
7. Part of a curve
8. Grabbed
9. Playing cards
10. Feminine name
11. Masculine
12. Bark of the mulberry
13. Clear profit
14. Small island
15. Of the ear
16. Before
17. Close
18. Heed: archaic
19. Asks aims

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

1. Great Lake
2. Models to follow
3. Hunting dog
4. Epilepsy
5. Climbing plant
6. Consume
7. Live
8. Discoverer of the Americas
9. Males made
10. Made roughly
11. Mon of the sea
12. Part of a shoe
13. River rascal
14. Eggs of insects
15. Reproduce the meaning in other terms
16. Soap plant
17. Pressed by drying
18. Nothing more than
19. Russian sea
20. Star in the Dracoo
21. Eloquent speaker
22. Division of a play
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GRIN AND BEAR IT—By Lichty



"They know they're beat, all right! They got the same sullen look I used to have when my wife's mother moved into our spare bedroom!"

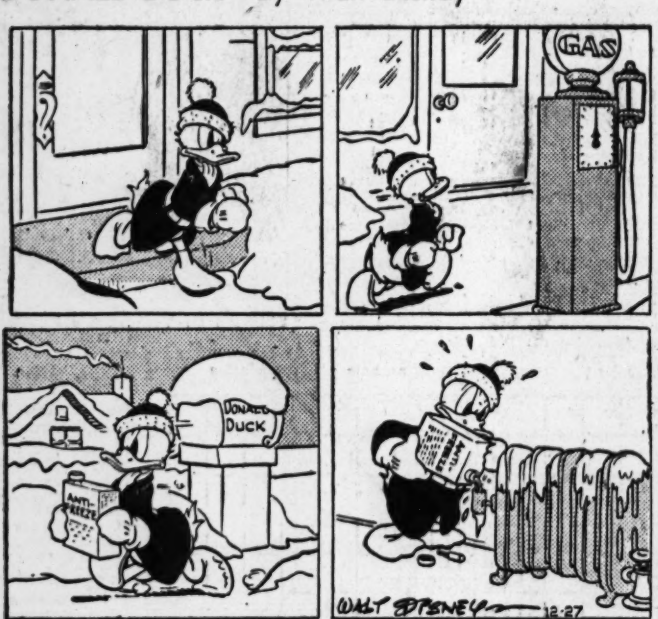
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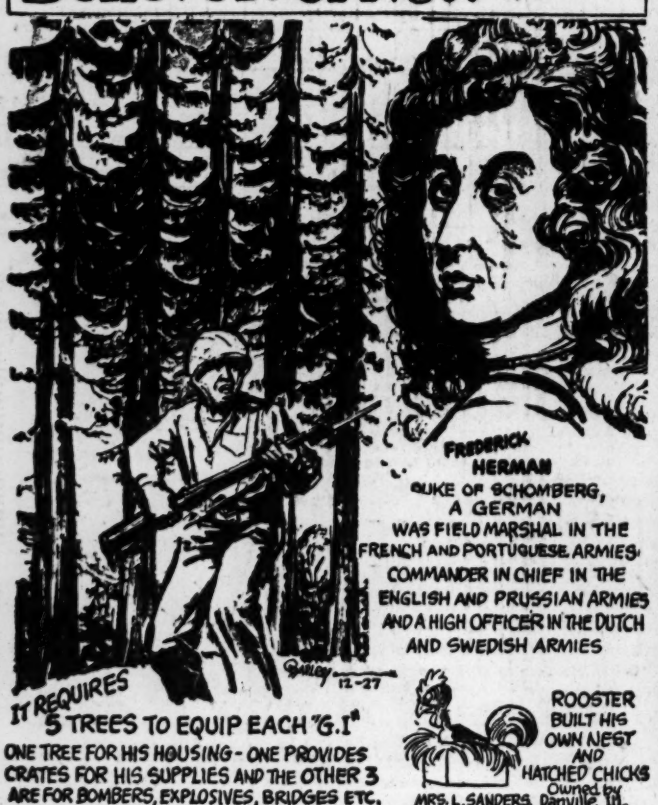
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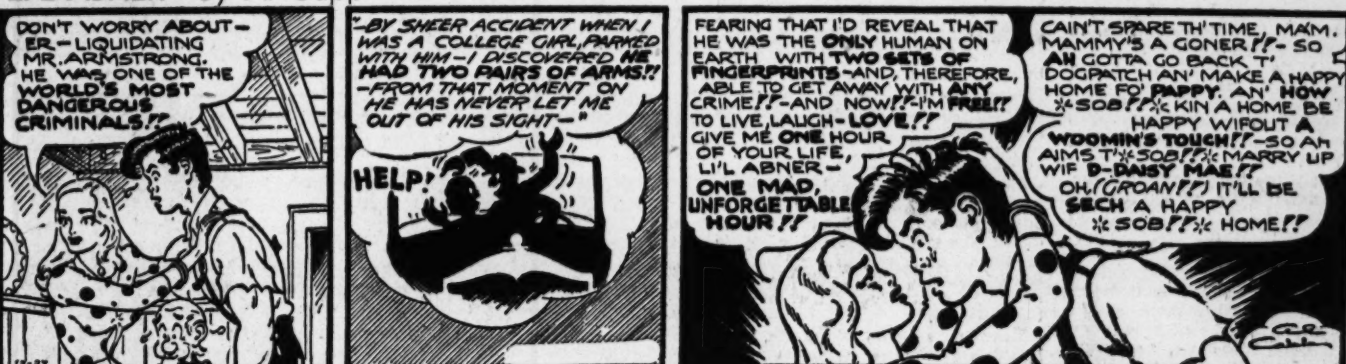
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